# Power men threaten even more cuts if today's talks fail

As increasingly severe power cuts yesterday, management and official union representatives in the power industry were reported to be near agreement on claims for improved

today's meeting of the industry's national joint consultative committee, but one of the leaders of the unofficial work-to-rule and overtime ban said the power workers' action could be intensified if a settlement was not acceptable

Government review: The Government's economic strategy committee spent much of its time at a meeting yesterday reviewing the effect of the power workers' action (our Political Reporter writes).

So great was ther concern with the power workers that the miners' rejection of the proposed productivity deal was hardly touched on.

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the

Exchequer, who was at vester-day's meeting, has let it be

known, however, that the mine-workers will not be treated as

# Surgeon operates by torchlight

By Craig Seton

Hopes for an early end to the increasingly severe power cuts affecting all parts of Britain rest today on a meeting of the electricity industry's national joint consultative council. But, while management and unions were reported to be close to agreement, a leader of the workers who have taken unofficial action said it might increase if improved shift allowances would deatly filled a paraffin lamp with petrol. It exploded, month rule and that the workers seriously injuring her and her would have to wait until March. There is uncertainty whether an offer on travel allowances to work would have to wait until March. There is uncertainty whether an offer on travel allowances to work would have to wait until March. Help the Aged appealed to the power workers to work would have to wait until March. There is uncertainty whether an offer on travel allowances would deatly filled a paraffin lamp with petrol. It exploded, son. Roger, aged three. Help the Aged appealed to the Government guidance once any agreement is put for ward for ratification.

Mr Francis Tombs, chairman plunged into darkness. The today on a meeting of the elec-tricity industry's national joint consultative council. Bur, while management and unions were reported to be close to agree-ment, a leader of the workers who have taken unofficial action said it might increase if the settlement was not accept-

The cuts have affected offices. industry, domestic consumers and hospitals. In Northampton a surgeon, Mr Maurice McLain, has had to stitch up a patient by torchlight when both the power and an emergency generator failed. The patient, a woman undergoing a serious spinal operation, was not operated on and will now have to wait

two more months.
Mr McLain vesterday appealed to the power workers to think over the dangers of to think over the dangers of their present industrial action, warning them that it might lead to the death of a patient in the operating theatre. In his awn operation he had been only wo minutes from "a very dangerous position" that might have killed the patient.

In Surbiton, Surrey, another surgeon, Mr Peter Cloves, successfully completed a delicate over operation by the light of lettery lamps.

lattery lamps.
In London the police manned main road junctions when traffic lights failed, but

queues grew longer as the rush-lour blackout continued. The London Fire Brigade alls to rescue people trapped a tower-block lifts. The blackours are the result

of an eight-day dispute over breakfast time, and many lasted up to three hours.

The council's industrial elations staff remain cautiously primistic about today's meet
Telbury, Gloucestershire, when Mrs. Pamela Goodfield acciich has reduced output from hand power stations. Cuts of to 15 per cent were reported at night, und the Electricity

ward for ratification.

Mr Francis Tombs, chairman of the council, said an additional claim by the workers taking unofficial action for concessionary electricity was inacceptable, but that was not thought to be a crucial issue.

thought to be a crucial issue.

Most of the men operating the overtime ban and work-torule are members of the 
General and Municipal Workers' Union, but some belong to 
the Transport and General 
Workers' Union of Engineering 
Workers and the Electrical, 
Electronic, Telecommunication 
and Plumbing Union.

Their executives do not support the action, and Mr Thomas 
Crispin, national secretary of 
the TGWU, said he hoped that 
today's meeting would result

today's meeting would result in an early return to normal

working.

But Mr Clarence Hancox, for the unofficial shop stewards' committee leading the dispute, said: "Unless there is a firm offer acceptable to the committee and the men from the meeting I cannot see a change as it stands, and it might even escalate".

The Electricity Council intro-

The Electricity Council intro-duced a system of rotas, placing consumers in high, medium and low risk caregories, and local electricity boards began to pub-licize details to give users some idea of when they are likely to

## **UK** reserves now third biggest in world

UK OFFICIAL RESERVES

By Caroline Atkinson Britain's official reserves soared by more than \$3,000m (about £1,640m) last month to top \$20,000m for the first time.

They stood at \$4,129m at the end of last year.

Britain now has the third largest reserves in the world after West Germany and Saudi

Arabia.

The inflow of foreign capital into London during October— as the Bank of England struggled to hold down the value of the pound by buying dollars for the reserves—was the trigger for the decision to allow sterling to float freely this week.

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Sterling has jumped by 5.63 cents on the foreign exchanges since the Bank of England stopped holding the rate down on Monday.

The size of the increase in reserves in October had been widely expected by the market and there was little reaction yesterday. Sterling actually closed I cent down on the day at \$1.8335 against the dollar, but this was more a reflection of a recovery in the dollar's fortunes than a weakening of demand for sterling.

demand for sterling.

The pound's effective rate index, measured against a basket of currencies, was un-

workers will not be treated as a special case.

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, who said recently that she would consider calling a referendum if faced as Prime Minister with a confrontation between Government and the usineworkers, said yesterday:

"We cannot be complacent about declining productivity in the pits. That is why we wish the miners' bellot had gone the other way." basket of currencies, was un-changed at 64.4.
Yesterday's reserves figures set two records. The \$3,040m rise was the largest in a single month, and the new total of \$20,211m is the biggest yet. Private capital flooding into the Country was recognicable for Private capital flooding into the country was responsible for nearly all of the increase. It was the danger posed by foreigners' almost insatiable demand for pounds that led the Government to bring forward its mini-Budget to last week and then to let the pound float.

aged to sell enough debt to off-set the effect of the foreign inflows on the money supply. emergency power supply it should close the works until the powerworkers' dispute was settled. Continued on page 19, col 2

# Brezhnev offer to suspend peaceful nuclear explosions programme removes obstacle to total test ban

Moscow, Nov 2.—The Soviet Union today offered to suspend its peaceful nuclear explosion programme to ease the conclusion of a total test ban treaty, and proposed a world-wide agreement simultaneously halting nuclear weapon production.

The suggestions came in the official text of a speech delivered in slightly abbreviated form by President Brezhnev to a Kremlin rally marking the sixtieth anniversary of the Relebenth varolution. Bolshevik revolution.

The 90-minute address also included an extensive critique of the policies and tactics espoused by the "Eurocommunist" parties of the West. During speeches by foreign guests later in the day, this theme emerged strongly with theme emerged strongly with pro-Moscow communists—like Dr Alvaro Cunhal of Portugal and Mr Todor Zhivkoy of Bulgaria—winning enthusiastic applause for ringing pledges of loyalty to the Soviet Union.

The non-conformist position wa: fervently defended by Signor Emrico Berlinguer of Italy, who declared that the Western parties' experience

Western parties' experience showed them democracy was something of universal, historical value", and in less detail by M Paul Laurent of

France. Brezhnev's offer to negociate with other powers a moratorium on the use of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes could remove one of the main obstacles to an overall t eaty banning nuclear testing.

Harvest upset

Contrary to Western calculations, the Soviet grain harvest will be only 194 million tonnes, Mr Brezhnev announced. This is 19 million tonnes less than planned. Report, page 8.

In the text of his speech released by Tass, which the news agency said later was the final official version. Mr Brezhnev was quoted as proposing what he described as "a radical step"—a coordinated half to nuclear weapon production by all states. Report, page 8.

The Soviet leader said Russia wanted the present Geneva negotiations on a treaty—which would replace the 1963 accord barring everything but underground testing—brought to a successful conclusion.

Until now, Moscow has insisted that peaceful explosions were vital for many of its huge development projects across the vast, unpopulated expanses of Russia and Siberia, and has sought their exclusion from any total nuclear ban.

Mr Brezhoev said the Soviet Union was ready to reach agreement on a more property of the south of

ment on a moratorium on such explosious "along with a ban on all nuclear weapon tests for a determined period".

a determined period ".

The western diplomats, who have considerable experience in disamament negotiations with the Soviet Union, said much would depend on the period of the moratorium Moscow might offer and whether it could be extended.

Most western countries feel that allowing continuation of any nuclear explosions would make possible violations of the treaty under negotiation

bilities for auclear prolifera-

tion by all states.

This agreement would in-clude all nuclear weapons-"whether atomic, hydrogen or neutron bombs or missiles", he said, according to the official

text. Mr Mr Brezhnev implicitly warned President Carter against warned President Carter against criticizing the communist countries on human rights. "Not everyone in the United States likes our way of doing things, and we too could say a great deal about what is going on in the United States", he declared.

"But if differences are accentuated, if attempts are made to lecture each other, the result will only be a build-up of mis-trust and hostility, useless to our two countries and danger-ous to the world as a whole."

He added: "International relations are now at a sort of crossroads, which could lead either to a growth of trust and cooperation, or else to a growth of mutual fears, suspicion and arms stockpiles."

The direction taken could cad ultimately either to lasting peace or to balancing on the brink of war", he said. US welcome, photograph page 8

The child victims of Japanese schooling

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Nov 2

After scribbling a farewell After scribbling a farewell note to her parents last month, Naomi Sakuma, a 10-year-old Japanese schoolgirl, jumped from the fourteenth floor of a Tokyo block of flats. She did not explain why she had taken her life but police found the answer in her bedroom: a pile of unfinished homework.

Naomi was a victim of the

Naomi was a victim of the pressure of Japan's highly competitive and draconian educational system which is expected to push child and teenage suited to the control of about cides to a record level of about 800 this year, according to the projections of a report by the

national police.
At the same time sociologists claim that many nine and ten year olds, who, in many cases, are forced to study 14 hours a day, are developing the symptoms of adult diseases, such as

ulcers and hypertension.

The police report discloses that more than 400 children and teenagers committed suicide during the past seven months and that the rate of these deaths is increasing.

From the evidence, at least 120 of the suicides during the first half of the year can be traced back to the stress of preparing for entrance examinations.

In most cases, the average student is forced to attend special private cramming schools (known as Jukus) before and after normal school Continued on page 8, col 6

A Louis XVI marquetry commode in the Wildenstein

# the Government: the back of the Government: and then to let the pound float. The danger is created when the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Government of the Bank of England intervenes in the Bank of Englan Wildenstein collection

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

The Wildenstein family col-The Wildenstein family collection of French furniture and works of art, considered by the art world more distinguished than that of Mentmore, has been acquired by a Saudi Arabian businessman, Mr Akram Ojjeh, for 75m francs (£8.8m). Last week it was aunounced that he had bought The France, the transaclantic liner, for 60m france.

He now plans to combine his two purchases, exhibiting the 202 superb Wildenstein items on board The France, according to the Lebanese weekly, As Sayad. The Ener will be anchored off the coast of Florida and prob-

According to Reuter and Agence France-Presse, Mr Ojjeh was born in Syria and became a naturalized Saudi citizen in 1950. His fortune zen in 1950. His fortune appears to be bused on his company, Technique d'Avant Garde Finance, hicherto noted for high-quality prefabricated building. The company has had several very large contracts in Saudi Arabia and is believed to have convertion with the Day. have connexions with the Royal

Pamily.

Mr Ojjeh is a friend of Daniel Wildenstein's son, Daniel Wildenstein's son, through whom, according to As Sayad, the deal was negotiated. It underlines what a small affair the art market remains in terms of international fin-

collection, in a prestige two-day sale in Monte Carlo on Decem-ber 10 and 11. It was des-cribed as the most important group of French furniture to come on the market since the Hamilton Palace sale in 1882, and the deniers and museums and the deniers and museums in all corners of the globe had begun pondering their bank balances and purchase funds. In his interview with As Sayad Mr Ojjeh is reported as describing his acquisition as "202 royal art treasures dating mainly from the Louis XIII and Louis XIV period, which were looted from the royal palaces."

looted from the royal palaces during the revolution". One hopes that he will not be dis-appointed to find that he has acquired some of the supreme examples of French furniture from the reign of Louis XV.

His acquisitions will include
a monumental marquetry
corner cupboard surmounted by

a clock, a riot of ormoli cupids and lions from the Nathaniel de Rothschild collection at Schloss Schillersdorf. There is a footstool made for Marie Antoinette and a dressing table made for the Empress Josephine, as well as a magnificent Louis XVI commode made by Leleu for the Palais Bourbon. It is perhaps particularly fitting that these magnificent trifles made for the luxuriou delight of the very rich should pass not to museums but into Damper on coal? page 21 month, that it was to sell the spirit.

## Births to immigrants predominate in five London boroughs rose sharply, according to the

More than half the children latest survey, to 42,000.

born in five London boroughs during 1976 had immigrant "Most of the rise in 1976 can during 1976 had immigrant be accounted for by the in-parentage, according to new crease in the number of births statistics published yesterday by to mothers from the Indian sub-the Office of Population Cen-continent, which totalled 21,600 suses and Surveys.

The latest figures show that Brent, Haringey, Ealing, West-minster and Chelsea and Kensington each recorded a higher number of births to immigrant mothers than indigenous fami-lies during the year. In Greater London as a whole a third of the 83,233 children born had immigrant parentage, a mar-ginal increase compared with 1975.

In Bradford, Leeds, Leicester and Manchester the births to immigrant mothers increased. but in Coventry and Birmingham the level remained at the same level as 1975. In Wolverhampton the number declined. In 1976 there were only 584,000 live births in England and Wales, a fall of 19 per cent compared with four years earlier. During the same period births to mothers born outside the United Kingdom fell from 83,000 to 72,400, a fall of 13 per cent. per cent.

But there was an increase in the births to mothers from the New Commonwealth and Pakistan, after a steady decline from 46,000 to 40,000 in the previous five years. In 1976 the figure

TIME SCOTCH WHISE

in 1976, compared with 19,900 in 1975." There was also an increased birth rate among

mothers born in Africa.

The rise in birth rare among that group had been caused by the increasing number of New Commonwealth migrants to Britain of child-bearing age, often following heads of familiary of the control of the contro lies who had arrived first to find work. The inflow of East African Asians to Britain in recent

years had also accounted for the rising birth rate among mothers born in Africa. Overall, births to mothers from outside the United Kingdom amounted to a slowly increasing percentage of total live births in England and Wales between 1972 and 1976. Children born to New Common-wealth and Pakistani mothers accounted for nearly 6 per cent of total births in 1972, but that

figure had risen to 7 per cent in 1976. However, the percentage of children with Republic of Ireland parentage declined from 2.6 per cent in 1972 to 1.9 per cent in 1976, a "significant fall", according to the OPCS.

# Mr Scargill's formula for peace in the mines

y Paul Routledge Mr Arthur Scargill, the York-hire miners' left-wing leader argely credited with the poll lefeat of wage moderation in the pits, last night held out the rospect of a peaceable settle-ent of the National Union of neworkers' wage aspirations. In an interview he told me: I think quite clearly that only feel wants a confrontation. bour Editor fool wants a confrontatio mly a fool wants a strike. I m convinced that, provided we an sit down with the coal card and negotiate, we can get extrement on this claim that iii be acceptable to all sides." The Government may be ires, because Mr Scargill said ore could be no semlement the Chancelior's wage rise mit of 10 per cent. "We are of in the same ball game", he

But he did not take up a rigid regaining posture, orgaing "I argaining table all arenues can applored and an amicable la satisfactory solution can be

rived at". Mr Scargill was unwilling to

Queen home

The Queen and the Duke of

inburgh flew home in Con-

rde from the Caribbean to a

itty, rain-soaked Britain last

ght at twice the speed of

and. They were flown at

(3) mph from Bridgetown,

rhades to Heathrow in three

are 42 minutes. This was 15

The Queen opens Parliament

Westminster today. Prince Philip had taken a at on the flight deck when

neardy took off from Bridge-

sa, a maisce spokesman said.

It was a lovely flight; the

le of supersonic flying", he

ded. She spent about 10 nates on the ilight deck

ing the trip." The Queen prayed the rain

autes less than expected.

Concorde

orings

the TUC's 12-month rule is not sacrosanct, and the \$135-a-week claim for face workers is a negotiable target rather than a hard and fast demand. Some areas for bargaining

The miners still remember that the Heath government proposed payment for time spent at the pit preparing for work but at present unpaid, the notorious "wairing and winding time". This, it is calculated, is worth between £14 and £20 a weekpaid at the rate of at least an on top of that a bank rate

per cent for skilled Ford workers, and cash "recognition" that output at the face, rather than the crude figure for all employees in the industry is 5 per cent up on 1976 would bring the rate for face workers up to £110 a week. That is within striking distance of the level the National Union of Mineworkers is "seeking to achieve" under its conference

Mr Scargill also had some soothing words about the

Lord Carver's

with tomatoes

Lord Carver, the British Resident Com-missioner in Rhodesia, arrived in Salis-

bury yesterday. He received a coolly polite welcome from officials but a

Dutch kidnap ends The Dutch property millionaire, Mr Maurits Caransa, was released from

five days' captivity in Amsterdam after

his kidnappers had been paid a ransom of about 2m. They accepted payment

in new, big-denomination banknotes, the serial numbers of which are known

car pelted

round of talks

as a result of income policy, and all trade unionists have a

extra money over and above 10 per cent could be justified as unique to coalmining there would be fewer repercussions across the rest of industry.

without its being used by any-body else". Whether it will cut much ice

whether it will cut much ice with the coal board remains to be seen. The NCB will reply to the union's claim for £135 at the face, £114 elsewhere underground, and £92 on the surface in time for the miners' union executive meeting a week today. It is almost certain to be a curt, written statement to try is bound by government policy to offer no more than 10 per cent, and that not potil the miners are due for another increase on March 1, 1978. In the wake of the miners'

rote against a productivity deal in the pits, NUM leaders appealed to colliers yesterday not to allow their rejection of local incentives to depress pro-

duction further.

The union's three national officials joined in a statement admirting that the men had nor. kept their side of the bargain with the Government and the coal board under the 1974 tripartite Plan for Coal, which stipulated that output should

Pacific continent Two geologists have found evidence suggesting that a continent may have suggesting that a continent may have existed in the middle of the Pacific 225 million years ago. They believe multiple rifts may have caused it to drift apart to join North and South America and Asia

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Evidence of a lost

## France sends troops

France has flown troop reinforcements teo its garrison in Senegal as a result of events in the Western Sahara, where Polisario guerrillas are holding French hostages. France continues to exert diplomatic pressure on Algeria, which is aiding the guerrillas, to use its influence to free the hostages Page 6 Washington: Public opinion poli shows

a further slump in President Carter's

popularity Turner exhibition: An exhibition of Turner's engraved art is to be mounted at Somerset House, which the Tate Gallery said last week was unsuitable as an important Turner museum 16

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P. D. James on Victorian Murderesses, by Mary S. Hartman; Paul Johnson on The Fontana Dictionary of Modern Thought; Jan Morris on Venice: The Rise to Empire, by John Julius Norwich; new fiction Obtinary, page 16

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Football: Three British clubs reach third round of European competitions; Manchester United out after winning 5--2; Tennis: Miss Wade wins.

Business News, pages 19-24

Stock markets: Equities lost more ground on the worsening industrial scene and the FT Index closed 5.1 off at 485.0

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another rights from Cons Gold; a shake-out in Eurobond Business features: Roger Vielvoye discusses the possible impact on coal use of a large miners' pay settlement; Britain's balance of payments Business Diary: A new science and technology counsellor for our Washington

However you look at it, we were the first to bottle scotch. For those with a taste for the original. Demai swere the first to sell whisky in branded bottles.

#### 1 45 West Germany next Perhabity from May 22 Photograph, page 5

disrupted industry and commerce fringe benefits. Hopes rested on

be affected.
Yesterday's cuts started ar breakfast time, and many lasted

other way."

"However you look at it, the fact is that any increase in wages unmatched by an increase in production will have to be met by increases in the prices of coal and electricity. And who pays the higher prices for those higher wages? Not the Government: the people. We always do."

Gas nlant protest: Residents at

much-feared "battering ram"
effect of miners' wage bargaining, which in the past has
opened up an inflationary pay
race. "I have always argued
that all workers have suffered

suggest themselves immediately. right to press their legitimate. The miners still remember that wage claim.

ter than ours."

"It may be that our wage claim is higher than some and less than others, but it is a wage claim commensurate with the job that miners have to do. That is the important thing, and that should be the determinant Our settlement will be higher than most. It doesn't mean that their claims are bet-

The effect of Mr Scargill's remarks is to introduce into the instability of present discussion a familiar note of "special case" pleading that offers the Government and the TUC a way out of the pay dilemma. If the

That theory accords with the less triumphant NUM view that

Thatcher warning of difficulties ahead

Mrs Thatcher has given a warning against thinking that Labour could safely be left to continue with conservative measures towards prosperity. Britain's feelings after better economic news were like those of the children of Israel when the Red Sea had been crossed-so relieved not to be drowned that they forgot the 40 years in the wilderness still to be faced Page 2

hostile one from a group of Africans, Supporters of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization, which comprises tribal leaders who were not invited to Sport class bar meet him, pelted his car with rotten tomatoes. Lord Carver held his first round of talks Page 8

Publicly owned sports and leisure centres tend to be used mainly by the middle classes, a report states. Working-class people sometimes feel excluded, and intimidated by the attitudes of the

Shipworkers' payotts

Shipbuilding workers leaving the industry will qualify for maximum

severance payments of £3,500 under new legislation which is expected to be announced in the Queen's Speech Blome News 2, 4-6 | Church European News 6 | Court |
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The thecen braved the rain thank the crew, sheltering our Concorde's wings.
I was announced vesterday to the Oueen and the Duke to take up a new post of consultant to the club. He will be responsible for all team and club affairs.

Sir Alf's new post
carctaker manager, has left the board to take up a new post of consultant to the club. He will be responsible for all team and club affairs.

Overseas News Appointments 1

# More cadets seen as way of raising strength of police

Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, has decided to set up a working party of the Police Advisory Board to consider the system of employing police cadets to see how improvements can be made to obtain sufficient recruits of the right quality to enable force strengths to reach authorized establishments".

That was stated yesterday in a White Paper containing the Government's replies to several criticisms made by the House of Commons Select Committee on Expenditure whose chairman is James Boyden, Labour MP for Bishop Auckland.

Members of the committee had been critical in July of the way in which the Government was generously providing money job incentive schemes yet restraining expenditure on the forces of law and order so that some police authorities were cutting down the intake of

police cadets.

Mr Peter Hardy, Labour MP for Rother Valley, a member of the committee, said that in several police forces, and certainly in Merseyside, it had been decided not to appoint any new cadets.

new cadets.
Complaints were made to the committee by Mr Peter Matthews, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, that his organization hed not been invited to give evidence to the committee. He called for some of the money being spent on job incentive schemes to be reallocated to police caders.

In its reply, the Government says that economies in the police service were not designed to secure a reduction in total police expenditure " but rather to help accommodate the higher cost of particular items such as police pensions, which mainly reflects an increase in the number of police who have retired; total expenditure on the police service was still plauned to rise in real terms.".

#### Work permits in | Ferry services New Zealand

Wellington, Nov 2.—Temporary visitors wanting to work in New Zealand will have to get work permits before arriving in the country under legislation introduced in Parliament

Loal authorities, the Government states, with the advice of their financial and professional advisers, accepted the priority for the recruitment of police officers and reluctantly agreed that the restrictions on civilian staff in the police service and cadets, which had to be imposed last year, would have the least damaging effect.

The Government pointed out that "cadets, unlike other civilian sigef, do not make any appreciable contribution to immediate operational efficiency. Although the unit cost of a cadet is £1,607 a year, that figure does not include the cost of training; the overall cost of passing a 16-year-old cadet through to attestation as a police officer at 18! is of the order of £6.000-£7.000 ".

Promising more detailed in-formation on various kinds of expenditure, the Government enters a caveat about the allo-cations to housing. "Local authorities will have greater freedom to determine priorities within the new housing investment programme system and the Government proposes in Issue block allocations which will cover programmes now scnarately identified", the White Paper states.

The Government, replying to another comment, says it accepts that mortgage interest relief is relevant to the consideration of housing policy and future expenditure White Papers will include estimates of the cost of such relief in past years and for the year of the publication.

the publication.

On health spending, the Government states that the select committee will in future be provided with regular figures deprived from the Denartment of Health and Social Security's manifested. monitoring of units costs. Selected Public Expenditure Pro-grammes, Replu by the Govern-ment to the Ninth Report from the Select Committee on Expendi-ture, Session 1976-77 (Stationery Office, 33p) Command 6971.

Still Stopped

A strike by seamen on British Rail's Sealink ferry services to the Channel Islands ended yesterday but a dispute with the officers remained unsettled. Sealink said there would be no sailings until further notice.

Still Stopped

a doctor monitoring Mr Brickell's condition had said he thought he was deteriorating. Last night Mr Brickell was under police guard at St Bartholomew's Hospital. He was under observation but the hospital said: "He seems reasonably fit."

Britain still in wilderness, Mrs Thatcher says

# Malice or accident at Windscale 'could be a danger to the world'

Science Editor

Replies to some of the thousands of questions raised by objectors at the Windscale public inquiry were given yesterdy by the two main organi-zations, British Nuclear Fuels and Cumbria County Council, behind the application to build a new plant for reprocessing waste oxide nuclear fuel.

The final submission by Mr Ian Glidewell, QC, for the council, examined the acceptability of the risks and coun-tered some of the criticisms mide about the efficiency of trolling discharges of waste.

But Mr Glidewell also
pointed to other weaknesses

that needed a better supply of the new year, would include information, tighter monstoring, and additional research and control.

The new year, would include proposals to other government departments. They would outline improvements in arrange-

not changed.

not changed.

The support of BNF was not uncritical. He said it was apparent that discharges that would or could come from the plant, and the potential results of an accident, or of the intervention of malicious persons, could affect the whoie population of this country, indeed of Europe, and to an extent of much of the world. Nevertheless the council's ricw remained and suggested

that there was no proper rea-He asked that recommenda-tions made to the Secretary of State by Mr Justice Parker, in the report expected early in the new year, would include

Before the plant was cou-

structed and in operation de-cisions were needed on the granting of planning permission, a nuclear site licence. and a reprocessing permit. If the time came for airy further inquiry, it should be beld jointly by the Secretaries of State for the Environment and for Energy. Mr Gildewell was not confident that there was any statutory power for

that to be done. Lord Silsoe, QC, opening a final submission by BNF, expected to take two days, focused attention on the immense energy reserves that would go unitapped up reproplans were adopted.

He said two points were not

He said the county council, ments for monitoring, control contested. The recovery and in November, 1976, decided and communication of information from the spent fuels original application, it would improvements to the infrastructure.

The recovery and contested. The recovery and tour found from the spent fuels from the advanced gas-cooled reactors coming into use in the changes. reactors coming into use in this country would, in a single recycle, add 30 to 40 per cent to the power generated from the original fuel.

The use of plutonium in fast-breeder reactors mixed with tailings of uranium 238 from enrichment plants would give vastly greater production of power, up to 50 times more efficiently.

In his view, that was a very considerable energy reserve in-spent fuel, and the energy conservation possible by repro-cessing offered a very striking achievement.

achievement

He also said it was not contested by Mr Scargill, who
asked for nuclear stations to
be closed that spent fuel
would arrive in predictable
amounts from advanced gascooled reactors. RNE had comcooled reactors. BNF had com-

The issue was to select the

most sensificatory way of coping with that spent fuel. The possibilities included placing it in a retrievable store for an unspecified period; disposing of it as unprocessed spent fuel into geological formations: processing it for disposal with recovery of uranium but not plutonium; or keeping it for another decision.

The last course was that pro-posed by Friends of the Earth. They had argued eloquently, Lord Silsoe maintained, for a delay of 10 years on a decision about reprocessing. He could not accept such a "wait-andsee" policy.

One reason was that it would take 20 years to develop a satmeans of unprocessed isfactory Storing reliably unprocessed spent fuel in addition, if a decision

mitments to reprocess 1,150 deferred for 10 years, then it tonnes of foreign thermal reactions would be followed by a further would be followed by a further 10 years in which the necessary engineering developments

took place to meet that decisecure and reliable process for dealing with spent fuel from gas-cooled reactors had been emphasized with the Central Electricity Generating Board,

He rejected suggestions that existing plant, known as B204 and B205, which reprocess Magnox fuel from the generaring board's first generation nuclear stations, could be used solely to handle oxide fuel from British power stations.

He said BNF did not believe it was practical to expand, refurbish or rebuild B204 in conjunction with B205, and rely on that for the rest of this century to reprocess waste fuel from the total British pro-

### Police rush man to end 10-day siege

By Stewart Tendler

Police officers wearing pro-Police officers wearing pro-tective clothing yesterday ended the siege of a north London flat and overpowered the man who had been keeping them at bay for 10 days with a machete. Four constables wearing flak jackets and using a make-shift shield rushed Mr Stuart Brickell in the bedroom of his flat in Myddelton Passage flat in Myddelton Passage, Islington.

Mr Brickell, aged 42, barri-caded bimself in after three policemen had been hurt help-ing bailiffs to evict him. He had ing bailiffs to evict him. He had refused to allow council contractors to carry out repairs. In the past 10 days up to 30 policemen a day have been waiting for Mr Brickell to come out voluntarily. Until Monday he was watched by a remotecontrol television camera attached to the door frame Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Helm said the police had decided to act after a doctor monitoring Mr Brickell's condition had said he



Mr Stuart Brickell being escorted from his flat.

# 25 Tory MPs urge voting reform

All Tory MPs and constituency associations are being canvassed by the 25 MPs belonging to Conservative Action for Electoral Reform to rally support for a party com-mitment to changing the West-minster electoral system.

An appeal, sent out yester-day, says that winning the next election is not going to be easy. "The growth of the nationalist parties has further complicated the issue and will make it even more difficult to win an overall majority." Conservatives would have to

Conservatives would have to "If we are going to win the light for every vore. "We next election we have to get a cannot afford to igore any policy that will help to unite the majority of the people and prevent a Labour government, dominated by its left wing, from gaining power again."

The MPs launching the "If we are going to win the next election we have to get a very substantial slice of the six million votes won by the Liberal Party in 1974."

These people would be influenced to vote Conservative again if we gave a pledge on proportional representation.

Pym, frontbench spokesman on devolution, that it would be unwise for the party to close its mind to the possibilities that could be opened up by

that could be opened up by electoral change.

They recall that Mr Whitelaw, shadow Home Secretary and deputy leader of the party, spoke favourably a year ago of using proportional representation for the elections to the proposed Scottish and Weish assemblies.

Suggesting that electoral reform could be worth a milreform could be worth a million votes, the appeal says:
"If we are going to win the next election we have to get a very substantial slice of the six million votes won by the Liberal Party in 1974."

"These people would be influenced to make Conservative

appeal have been encouraged. An estimated gain of 10 to 20 by recent statements by Mr. per cent does not seem unreper cent does not seem unres-

That sounds an entrancing prospect, but the campaigners have to face the sobering fact that Mrs Thatcher and most of the Shadow Cabinet will not have PR at any price, and Mr Pym and Mr Whitelaw are by no means enthusiastic.

pean direct elections will centre on the method of election, and most Conservatives will join Labour in demanding the "first past the post" sy: tem.

But the campaign is gradually making converts. It claims that in addition to the 25 committed reformers, 50 Conservative MPs are "generally favourable", in-cluding Mr Ian Gilmour, frontbench spokesman on defence, and Mr John Davies, Shadow Foreign Secretary.

## **Amnesty inquiry into** interrogation in Ulster

Belfast

Renewed pressure on the Government to launch an independent inquiry into the re-cent spate of brutality allega-tions against the Royal Ulster Constabulary is likely to follow an investigation into the ques-tioning of suspects in Ulster-being planned by Amnesty

laternational:
Last night a senior Annesty
official told me: "A final
decision on the composition of
the team and its terms of
reference are still the subject reference are still the subject of discussion. As is normal practice, no move will be taken until we have notifed the Government and asked for their cooperation. The plan to subject the serious claims of format and

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Amnesty investigation has incressed the annoyance of the
Northern Ireland Office as the

Irish Republic eventually led to the establishment of an offi-

In Belfast, pressure groups representing both Protestants and Roman Catholics have already compiled detailed dossiers of cases where suspects are alleged to have been beaten and subjected to ill reassment while in police custody. Most of them relate to the large police holding centre at Castlereagh, on the outskirts of the city.

Advice Centre said three men released from Castlereagh within the past year were prepared to appear personally before the Amoesty team and give detailed evidence to back their allegations. All three are Protestants

In addition the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (Nicra) and the Association for Legal Justice, two Belfast Ulster could hardly be (Kenter) Northern freiand Office at the for Legal Justice, two Bellassnumber of damaging allegations made against the RUC.

British government officials up a list of more than 20
are aware that a similar
Amnesty inquiry into allegal and physical ill treatment is
tions of police britishing in the alleged.

#### **Ulster Army** camps investigated By Our Political Staff

Mr Airey Neave, opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland yesterday took up his com-plaints about troops' accommo dation in the province with M Mulley. Secretary of State to Defence. Mr Neave's subsequen claims that Mr Mulley agree-that soldiers in peaceting should not be expected to live in some of the substandaring sites and that Conservative urging for an extra allowance.

for the troops would be reviewed later were mildly contested by a Ministry of Defendence representative. He argued that the first point was hardly a "fair reflection of what Mr Mulley had said

Ulster could hardly be likene to peacetime standards. Also any further extra allowances for the troops could be made only within the guidelines of the Government's pay policy.

The spokesman added the officials would be surprised i much came of Mr Neave's sur

much came of Mr Neave's suggestion that additional building should be acquired by the forces in Belfast.

Mr Mulley had called for full report on all Service accommodation there, and concede that any specific complain should be prought to his attention promptly.

bis charge that the Coldit camp's accommodation, if no its conditions, "compare favourably with many place occupied by the Army i Northern Ireland".

# Her performance was also remarkable for what she did not say. She did not take up her colleagues' cry that Mr Healey, Chancellor of the exchequer, had started the rush ness. The statcher contended that it would need more than North Sea oil to overcome Brita's difficulties. It will take an explosion of energy and will power by the British people as Man found guilty of girl bank clerk's murder

Richmond upon Thames, last November. The jury returned its verdict by a majority of 11

to one.
Mr Justice Melford Stevenson trid him he would be sentenced today for the murder and the sentences. und other offences. Mr Hart's plea of not guilty to murder but guilty of man-slaughter was not accepted by

the prosecution, In evidence he had main-

An art critic living in Aix

Any skilled oenophile

Knows its delicate style And would never be caught out by

Said "Le Piat has got what it takes.

LE PLAT DE BEAUJOLAIS

Beaujolais at its very best.

Michael John Hort, aged 38, was found guilty by a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of the murder by shooting of Angela Wooliscroft, aged 20, a bank clerk, at Ham, Wichaeld was Thames last out of riew and he heard the cident. He said that, heavily disguised, he approached Miss Waliscroft's till, uncovered the muzzle of the gun and levelled it at the counter. She bent down out of view and he heard the count of the said the result of the said the counter. sound of paper rustling.

of conservations for towards its reliance on left-wingers for its majority. And, Mrs Thatcher that children of Israel after they majority. And, Mrs Thatcher that crossed the Red Sea that a luncheon given by the institute for Public Relations:

"My job is to stop Britain they forgot they had got to face 40 years in the wilder ment was so low was the fall in the real rate of return on assets "to a palmy 2 per cent". She commented: "If

He became impatient and thrust the gun forward at the glass partition, it went off and he heard a muffled scream. Then he grabbed £2,000 from the counter and left.

The jury convicted Mr Hart, of St Peter's Road, Basingstoke, after a retirement of two hours. 51 minutes. In his summing-up the judge

tained that he cocked the gun bud recalled the careful pre-merely to frighten with no parations Mr Hart made for intention to hurt or kill, and the robbery.

## you do not get the return you will not make the investment". Mrs Thatcher's litary of Britain's difficulties was familiar enough: declining output, fall-Faults analysed in programme about Hitachi

private enterprise; they should inquire whether those firms and their people had enough

By David Watts

Granada Television execurives last night called a meeting of the production team involved in Monday's edition of the current affairs programme. World in Action, to analyse the faults in what one of the team acknowledged was one of the worst programmes they had

There has been widespread criticism of the programme, which dealt with the Government's invitation to the Hirachi electrical company of Japan to set up a factory for the manu-facture of television tubes at Washington New Town, co Durham, for its anti-Japanese

The Government is at present considering whether to let the factory go shead in face of strong protests from the unions, who say thousands of jobs will be lost and from the management of the Mullard television tube factory, which is only 10 miles from the site proposed for

the Hitachi plant.

Competition for the plant from other EEC countries is strong, and the British offer stands a good chance of being accepted because of the string of the proposed plant in a dere of the proposed plant in a deve-lopment area with all the attendant advantages.

The overall impression of the programme expressed by some viewers, was that the television implying that the Japanese company was not "playing fair" in trying to get a foothold in the EEC market.

The programme opened with The programme opened with an animated graphic of a Trojan horse, which was gliced open with a "samurai" sword to reveal names of the leading Japanese industrial giants, which are competing with their EEC counterparts. At the close a shot of a Hitachi executive on a Louisiana golf course was transformed into a medieval swordsman of evil countenance.

# provement from oil . . . every silver lining has a cloud." Balance sought in alcohol

power of the £10 bonus given to pensioners by the Conservatives in 1972.

The opposition leader's most

advertisements By Our Health Services

Measures to help heavy drinkers and combat increasing alcoholism are proposed by the Government's Advisory Committee on Alcoholism.

It considers that moderate drinking is acceptable but there

is urgent need to aid excessive drinkers, of whom it is estimated that there are at least 500,000 in England and Wales. There should be a more balanced picture of the effects of alcohol in advertisements and when drinking is shown on

when drinking is shown on television and elsewhere.
Taxation should ensure that alcohol does not become cheaper in real terms. There should be no relaxation of licensing laws, as proposed. People who drink excessively should be given greater encouragement to recognize that they do and to seek help; and there chould be more education. there should be more education about the dangers of heavy drinking. Professor Neil Kessel, chair-

man of the committee, was asked at a press conference introducing the report yesterday to define heavy drinking. He replied that if anyone drank just under half a bottle of privite a day or sever to eight. spirits a day or seven to eight pints of beer he was an exces-

pints of beer ne was an excessive drinker.

The report recommends health education for young people and adults aimed at encouraging moderation in drinking and acceptance of abstinence in others.

# By Fred Emery Political Editor Britain was "no longer in the politics of the pendulum. but of the ratchet". Mrs. Thatcher said in London yes. The eve of the state opening of Parliament she said that to believe that the Labour Government could be safely left to continue down the road of conservative measures towards prosperity was to forget its socialism and its Newham case cleared The remaining two of seven nembers of Newham North East Labour party accused of

Two more in

defying a court ban on a meeting in September were cleared in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Peter Pain said the proceedings, which issued

six days, were deplorable.
"They demonstrated each day how wrong it is to attempt to use the judicial process as a political weapon."

During the hearing he had dismissed contempt of court allegations against four of the seven—including Mr Andrew Bevan, the Labour Party's Youth Officer, and the case against a fifth was dropped.
Yesterday he cleared Phillip Bradbury, aged 32, a lecturer, and Thomes Jenkins, aged 27, a teacher, who were alleged to have assaulted party members who tried to serve injunctions banning the meeting of general management committee on September 28.

The case against the seven, all left-wing members of the management committee, had been brought by Mr Patrick Milsom, a bus driver, and a "moderate" on the committee.

Dismissing the case against Mr Bradbury and Mr Jenkins, the judge said it was alleged that Mr Bradbury had seized Mr Julian Lewis, the party steward, round the throat when Mr Lewis tried to serve the linjunction papers. Mr Jenkins was said to have tried to kick Mr Michael Champion, who accompanied Mr Lewis.

Both men had denied the hileged assaults.

The judge described Mr Milsom as "a deplorable liar".

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At one stage he had considered whether Mr Milsom was in contempt because of the way he had come to court prepared to deceive it. Mr Lewis, he described as "distinctly prope to exaggeration".

Mr Milsom, who was not in court, was ordered to pay rosts. During the case the judge had been told that Mr Milsom was indemnified against costs by unnamed people.

### Negotiations on aid to jobless

Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, is to hold triks with Mr Richard O'Brien, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, before deciding whether to accept controversial plans by the commission for carrying out the Government programme of aid to the un-employed.

# viewers, was that the television company was resurrecting the 'yellow peril", by incorporating a clip from a B-grade movie about the Pacific War, and by the language that the

By Margaret Stone
The miners' decision rejecting the proposed productivity deal has jeopardized a further mortgage interest rate cut this

He said it would take longer for societies to determine the future prospects for general interest rates. Some societies, he observed, will also find it administratively difficult to cope with another mortgage rate change before the end of

the year. Sir Oliver Chesterton, chairman of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, said he thought there "probably would be a cut in interest rates this

# Anglo-Irish EEC talks

By Roger Berthoud European Community matters were the main topic when Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary,

met Mr Michael O'Kennedy, his frish counterpart in London yesterday in their first opportunity for detailed discussions.

Their discussions touched on Northern Ireland only in cross-border grouponic concernition. border economic cooperation, which EEC funds might support. The main EEC issues dis-cussed were enlargement to

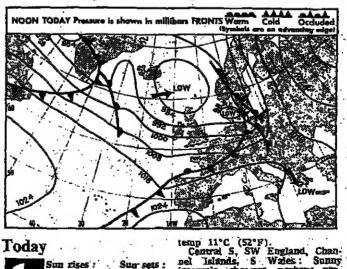
include Greece, Portugal and Spain; direct elections to the assembly; fisheries; and budget contributions. Dublin shares Britain's interest in preference treatment for coastal fishermen. It will suffer financially if Britain is obliged to base her contribution on a more realistic exchange rate than the present artificial one of \$2.4 to the point.

the pound.

Irish legislation on direct elections should be through the Dail in a few weeks.

After seeing Mr Mulley, who like him, was a prisoner-of-wa in Poland, Mr Neave repeate

# Weather forecast and recordings



Sun rises: Sun sets: 6.57 am 4.30 pm Moon sets: Moon rises:

12.45 pm 10.40 pm

Last quarter: Tomocrow.

Lighting ap: 5.0 pm to 6.29 am.

High water: London Bridge,

5.42 am, 6.3m (20.6ft); 6.12 pm,

6.2m (20.3ft). Avonmouth,

10.51 am, 10.7m (35.0ft);

11.17 pm, 10.2m (33.6ft); Dover,

2.50 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 3.20 pm,

5.4m (17.7ft). Hull, 10.10 am;

6.0m (19.6ft); 10.14 pm, 6.1m

(20.0ft). Liverpool, 3.10 am,

7.5m (24.7ft); 3.27 pm, 7.6m

(25.0ft)

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A showery W airstream will cover the British Isles.

nel Islands, S. Wales: Sunny intervals, showers, perhaps prolonged; wind SW. fresh, maximum temp 11°C (52°F).

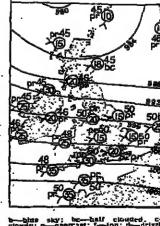
N. Wales. NW. England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW. Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Irland: Sunny intervals, showers; wind SW, fresh or strong; maximum temp 10°C (50°F).

Central N. NE England, Borders, Endiburgh and Dundee: Sunny intervals, perhaps showers later; wind SW, fresh; maximum temp 10°C (50°F).

Aberdeen. Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Octavey, Shedland: Showers, bright lote.vals; wind SW, fresh or Strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Outlook for fomorrow and Saturday: Showers or longer periods of rain, some bright intervals; remp little below mormal

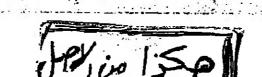
Sca passages: S. North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, E England, East
Anglia, Midlands: Dry, sunny
intervals, showers later; wind
SW, moderate or fresh; maximum WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud: d, drizzle;

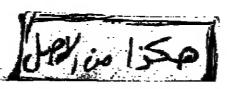


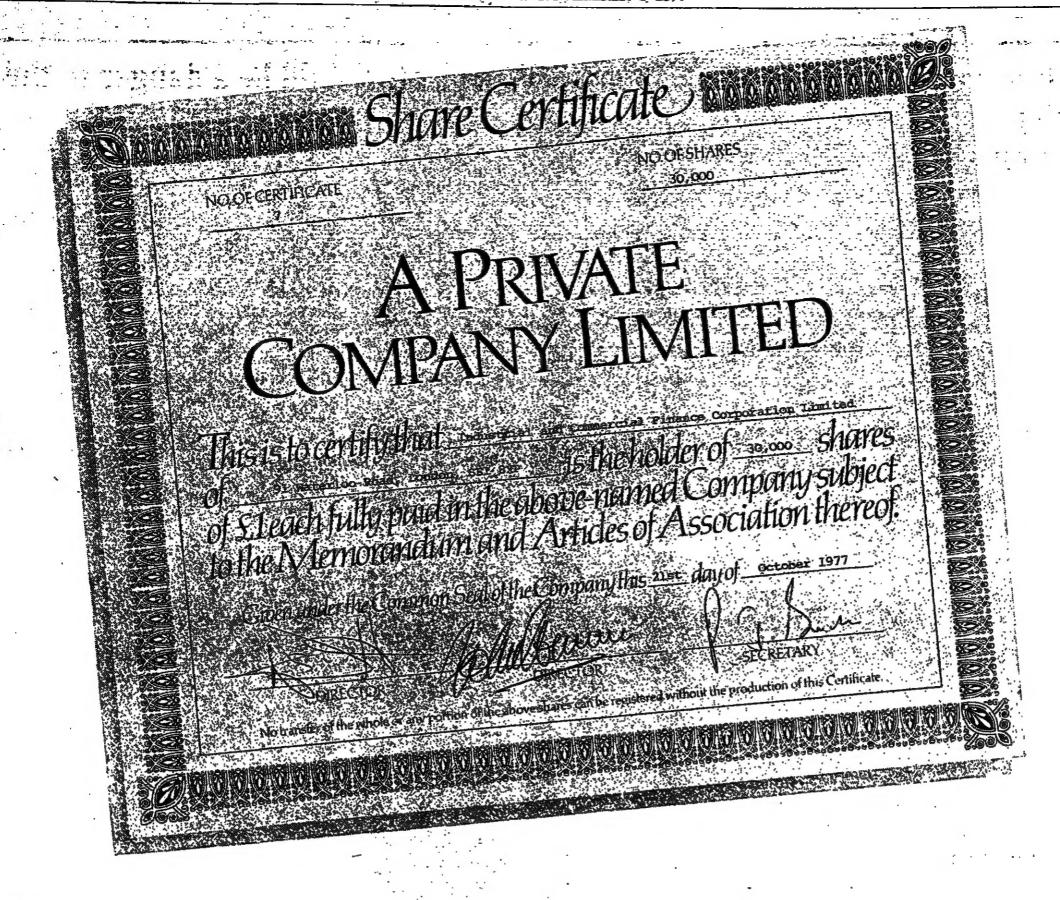
St George's Channel, Irish Sea Wind SW, strong or gale; st rough or sery rough.

Yesterday London: Temp: max, 6 am 6 pm, 15°C (59°F); min, 6 pto 6 am, 10°C (50°F). Humidit 6 pm, 89 per cent. Rain, 24lt to 6 pm, 0.32in. Sun, 24ltr to pm, 1.0hr. Rar, mean sea leve 6 pm, 1000.0 millibars, falling.









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# Travel by rail can be expensive, unreliable and dirty, report says

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

Travel by British Rail can be expensive, unreliable, and dirty, with inadequate catering, according to the November issue of Which?, published by the Consumers' Association. It concedes that Continental trains are in many respects worse, and offorts are being made to improve matters.

Which a inspectors travelling trains found that people preferred cars because travel by car was often cheaper for one person, and much cheaper tor two or a family. For a 100-mile journey first-class rail cost £6 to £10, second-class £4 to £7, and bargain fare £2 to £3, against £2 to £3 by car for petrol only. £3 to £5 including maintenance costs, and £7 to £13 including replacement. The reduced fare system was "far ren complicated and confus-

Rail fares would rise more slowly if more people used the railways or if BR were run more efficiently. There is a lot of evidence that it could be", the magazine says, or with higher subsidies, though acrossthe board ubsidies" are generally not in the long-term con-

The magazine says 17 of the 200 trains were more than 15 minutes late, some were 20 to 30 minutes late. Three fifths of them were on time, a fifth were more than five minutes late, and 8 per cent more than 15

minutes late.

For Inter-City trains the figures were worse: 38 per cent more than five and 18 per cent more than 15 minutes late. On Western Region 41 per cent ware late. Those figures were were late. Those figures were markedly worse than those quoted by British Rail.
On Southern Region sub-

ter of the scats were very dirty, often full of dust and grease On Inter-City comparatively few seats were dirty, but on Eastern Region many were "less than clean".

There were as many dirty windows as dirty seats; on Eastern and Southern one could often barely see through them. Floors were dirty on 38 per cent of second-class smoking compartments and 21 per cent in non-smoking ones.

There were no litter bins and ashtrays, and litter accumulated in buffet cars. A quarter of the lavatories examined were not clean, and a fifth of those in second class very dirty, many without soap, towel or hot water.

Inter-City trains sampled had restaurant cars, and a third had no buffet or gangway service. On nearly a quarter there was a buffet but it was closed for all or part of the journey. Food was limited. British Rail yesterday wel-

British Rail yesterday welcomed the report for its constructive criticism, but said it was based on a small sample and gave a "less than fair and balanced picture". For example, British Rail traffic was rising, not falling, and most Continental railways received much bigger subsidies.

Reduced fares were bringing in substantial new business, and while that led to some complexity BR was trying to keep the fares structure simple and easy to understand.

Efforts were being made to

Efforts were being made to improve cleanliness and cater-ing: punctuality was not as bad as the report suggested, with four lifths of Inter-City and 95 per cent of Inter-City and 95 per cent of other trains arriving within five minutes of scheduled time during Septem-ber.

# Tesco seizes advantage in supermarket price war

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

The Consumers' Association magazine, Which?, has confirmed the Tesco grocery chain's claim to have seized the advantage in the High Street supermarket price war with its decision to abundon Green Shield stamps.

In its annual report on grucery prices Which? concluded that the most dramatic ded that the most dramatic change since last year was in Tusco's prices. Checking the price of 28 basic grocery items in 1,151 shops throughout the United Kingdom, it found that Tesco, previously about average or slightly deurer than average, was clearly cheapest for leading manufacturers' hrands, and "extremely cheap" for own

The only chains to beat Tesco if the cheapest possible brands were bought were Kwik Save, count, which are all limited-line shops stocking a smaller range of food and brands than other

The survey was made at the grocery bills.

end of June and in early July but, because of the continuing fierce competition between fierce competition between supermarket chains, a smuller survey in mid-September checked on changes oming the cheapest chains. That suggested that Kwik Save had increased its advantage for own brands, and that Asda, for several years the cheapest for leading manufacturers, brands. leading manufacturers' brands.

peritive as Tesco.

For fresh fruit and vegetables the surveys found that J. Sainsbury superstore offered cheapest prices. The report notes that Sainsbury had be-come one of the cheapest chains overull.

The report points out that hig savings can be made by ch. ng-ing grocery chains. For example, it says, people living in Wales charging from VG to Tesco might save 18p in the pound. Changing to own brands from leading manufacturers' broads would save, on average, about 12!p in the pound, which could save the average household about £18 a year on its basic

## East Europe vessels buy British-caught mackerel

Fishing vessels from East Europeum countries, most of which have been banned from operating inside a 200-mile rone around Britain, are buying hundreds of tons of mackerel every day from British trawlers fishing off the south-west coast. They follow big Bricish trawlers, wait for the catch to be hauled on board, then bid for it.

The catch is transferred at

sea and taken back to Russia, Poland, East Germany or Bulgaria, or transferred to factory ships to be processed for fishmeal or canned. Trawlers

from Scotland, Humberside and Northern Ireland are benefiting, so are Corpish fishermen. Mrs Daphne Lawric, secretary

of the Cornish Fish Producers or the Cornish Fish Producers
Organization, said: "As we are
forced to put up with the
Scottish and northern boats
anyway, it is better for them
to do their transactions at sea
instead of cluttering up our
overcrowded quays and quays harbours.

" Most of them have their own agents so the local industry does not benefit much even if

does not benefit much even it these trawlers do land their catch at our ports."

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said:

"There is nothing we can do to stop it and it does our balance of trade some good. It is giving the fishermen a marker for their fish which they ket for their fish which they might otherwise not have."



Mr John Darwin: Jollity disguises a career of seriousness and distinction.

## Looking for latter-day **Guy Fawkes**

By John Young Today, as happens each year on the morning of the state opening of Parliament, a solemn little procession will make its way to the cellars of the Palace of Westminster to search for evidence of any latter-day Guy Fawkes. Its guide through the labyrinthine passages will be Mr John Darwin, who, for the past three years and a half has been the palace's resident engineer and palace's resident engineer and the man who is mainly respon-sible for the day-to-day super-vision of everything from Big Ben to the new broadcasting booths in the debating

booths in the debating chambers.

Mr Darwin, aged 63, is almost a dead ringer for the Hon Galahad Threepwood, from monocle to dapper moustache and with the same smiling, ebuilient manner. He lives in a superlative flat overlooking Victoria Tower Gardens, for which he hastens to add that he pays a substantial rent, and gives the impression that he gives the impression that he finds life constantly in-

But the joility disguises a career of some seriousness and distinction. As a student he worked his passage to America in one of the old Cunard liners, an experience that years later enabled him to assume com-mand of the Westminster boilers during the strike of palace staff in 1975.

As an RAF squadron leader, in the Second World War he was responsible for sirfield was responsible for altried maintenance during the siege of Malta. Later he was appointed the RAF's chief electrical and mechanical engineer in the Far East, and supervised the construction of the important strategic airlield on the island of Gan in the Indian Orean.

On returning to England be worked on designs varying from nuclear submarine bases to guided missile facilities, and from new types of dredger to a wind tunnel for testing the prototype Concorde. He retired as head of the Department of the Environment electrical group to take up his present post, in which he supervises nearly 200

It has been a far from un-eventful period. After the strike in 1975 there occurred what he calls the "great disaster" when, in the early hours of August 4 last year, metal fatigue caused severe damage to the frame and mechanism of Big Ren. staff.

The clock was working again the same day, although the striking mechanism had to be stopped for some weeks. In his enthusiasm to ensure that the overhaul was completed in overhaul was completed in time for the Queen's jubilee address to Parliament last May Mr Darwin suffered a coronary while climbing the stairs of the tower, from which he is now

happily recovered.

Mistortune struck again on August 17 when a heavy rainstorm caused drainpipes to overflow; it was later discovered that they were blocked by birds, nests. Several portraits in the Royal Gallery were damaged, but have since been successfully restored. Re has two main ambidious.

Re has two main ambitious. One is to replace the heating and ventilation system, which was condemned as obsolete in 1894 and which means that most rooms in the palace are freezing in winter and sweltering in summer. "I reckon it will take at least six years, and I am just hoping that Joel Barnett (Chief Secretary to the Treasury) will give me some money", he says.

The other is to clean the outside of the palace. "I think it is disgraceful that the Mother of Parliaments', which

'Mother of Parliaments', which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year, is almost the only public building in London which is absolutely filthy."

# Historical record of social change in this decade

Social Services Correspondent A fascinating insight into changes in social policy over in the first revision of the Dictionary of Social Services since it was first published in

Terms that used to be familiar to the minority who understood the national insurance scheme, like "contribution year" and "benefit year" have been removed, reflecting the transition from flat-rate contributions and benefits to a fully eatnings-related scheme.

The implementation of parts

The implementation of parts of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, which has transformed the way children in trouble are treated in England and Wales, has led to the deletion of "approved schools" and the concept of "care, protection and coptrol". Instead, the new edition has items on secure accommodation, young offen-ders, and intermediate treat-

ment. particular social difficulties has led to the inclusion of "bat-tered wives", and "child abuse".

The dictionary was launched by the National Council for Social Services to enable people new to the world of social ser-

tain building.

vices to understand the terms used by experienced practi-

The greater recognition given complain when services go wrong is reflected in the inclusion of new items on the health service and local authority comservice and local authority com-missioners (or ombudsmen). In the housing and environmental field, the new version offers ex-planations of "inner city", the Land Compensation Act, loans for house purchase, and the wide range of housing grants and subsidies now available.

In the employment field, the devolution of the main government department into specific agencies, such as the Manpower Services Commission and the Employment Services Agency, is explained.

New benefits given to disabled people, including the mobility allowance and the non-contributory invalidity pension, are mentioned, and so is the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act,

Mrs Joan Clegg, compiler of hoth editions of the dictionary, points our in an introduction: With one and a half million registered unemployed there is no room for complacency. Dictionary of Social Services, by Joan Clegg (Bedford Square Press, ritain before

A tale of clashing and separating conti-

nents, of tropical heat and ice-age cold,

of volcanges, deserts and vast swamps,

of huge mud basins and coral seas,

placid sedimentation and violent moun-

The Geological Museum, South Ken-

sington, has just opened an eye-catching new kind of exhibition designed to tell a

wide public the impressive story of

This week New Scientist carries a resume of the exhibition's aims by the Museum's

curator, Fred Dunning, and a special four-page colour insert of the best views

from this exhibition, including some in-genious 'satellite' pictures which show

how the changing geography of Britain would have looked from space.

Britain's overall evolution.

#### Colonel and two others accused of corruption

A lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Signals and two businessmen pleaded not guilty at the Central Criminal Court yester-

day to corruption charges.
They are Lieutenant-Colone David Arthur Charles Randel, aged 40, of the Garrison Officers' Mess, Aldershor; Geoffrey Elliont Wellburn, aged 40, a company executive of Woodside Road, Beaconstield, Percival Nurdin, aged 60, a con-sultant, of Barnet Road, Arkley, Hertfordshire.

Hertfordshire.

The charges allege that Mr
Wellburn and Mr Nurdin, on
Msy 27, 1971, corruptly gave
Colonel Randei £120 as an
inducement or reward for showing favour or not showing disfavour to Racal British Communication Corporation Ltd, in
relation to the affairs of the relation to the affairs of the Crown. Colonel Randel is alleged on the same day to have corruptly accepted £120 as

an inducement or reward.
All three deny similar charges in relation to £7,000 on February 25, 1972; £5,000 on June 29, 1972; and £2,300 on October 26, 1972.

Motorway link opens Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, opened the fanal stretch of Stoke on Trent's motorway link road yesterday.

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Mr David Finnals

#### Banned corned beef on sale

Cans of Australian corned beef, condemned as unfit for human consumption three years. ago, are again on sale, the Department of Health said yesterday.

The 61b cans, which carry the code EX 80 and may have one of several labels or none at all, have been found in London, Scotland and the Midlands.

#### Christmas parcels

Christmas parcels going by sea to the United States, Canada, South Africa and the West Judies and letters, parkets and parcels for BFPO 12 should be posted by November 10.

Tower-block scheme The London borough of Haringey is launching an ex-perimental scheme to turn two tower blocks of flats into specialist accommodation for the elderly.

#### Complete list of the Government as the Commons resumes Under-Secretary of State Mr Eric Deakins (45)

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Industry

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Mr Peter Shore (53)

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Mr Roy Hattersley (44)

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Mr Hugh Brown (58) Mr Hurry Ewing (46) Mr Frank McElhone

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Lord Oram (64) Lord Wallace of Coslany (71) Lady Stedman (61) Mr. Terence Walker

# Academy may close | Clubs failing the door to undesirable visitors

By Peter Strafford

An attempt is to be made at

London on an exchange each year, and one British arranged by the academy and to went to Czechoslovskia, is doing research at the Public Record Office. His visit has attracted criticism because of to Mr Král. He regarded his his role as a persecutor of other Czech historians, who have lost their jobs for not following a sufficiently pro-Soviet line.

Mr Michael Evans, the overseas secretary of the British Academy, said yesterday that he had written a paper arguing that she wording of the exchange agreement under which Mr Kral had come to London should be changed, so that in future the academy that in future the academy could refuse to accept visitors to whom it objected. The paper would be discussed at a meet-

ing of the academy's council next Thursday.

Mr Evans said he shared objections that have been made to Mr Krål. He regarded him as a falsifier of history in the books he had written and said Mr Krål had been responsible for the persecution of many Czech historians who had not

Mr Evans thought that the academy's council of 25 members headed by Sir Isaiah Berlin, the president, would share his views on the need to change the wording of the agreement.

If the Czech Academy did not agree, it might be better to do without the agreement, which

## Drive for adult literacy is given top priority

Continuing Education has been to set up a subcommittee to work out a policy for the future of Britain's estimated two million adult illiterates.

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Mr Ozkes, Minister of State, attended the first meeting in London of the 27

meeting in London of the 22 members of the advisory coun-cil. chaired by Professor Richard Hoggart, Warden of Goldsmiths College, London.

They made clear that they looked to the council as an independent body, with wide terms of reference, to strengthen the lobby for adult education and give it an influential new voice at a time when economic stringency is leading nomic stringency is leading several local authorities to cut provision for adult education.

Mrs Williams's first request to the council was for advice on the best way of building on the adult literacy campaign of the past three years in order to create and implement a coherent strategy for the basic education of adults, including continuing provision for adult literacy

The Adult Literacy Resource ment, are a tency, which was established between £45,00 by the National Institute for the first year.

the British Academy next week to prevent future visits by such figures as Mr Vachav Král, head of the Czechoslovak-Soviet Institute in Prague.

Mr Král, a historian, is in Czech visitor came to Britain London on all exchange each year and one Kristish and each year, and one British visi-

followed a pro-Soviet line.

# By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

The first act of the new Advisory Council for Adult and

Adult Education in 1975 and has been responsible since then for the adult literacy campaign, is due to be wound up in April. The advisory council has asked Professor H. Jones, head of the department of adult education and chairman of the National Institute for Adult Education, to chair its subcommittee on adult literacy. adult literacy.

A second subcommittee has A second subcommittee has been set up under the chairmanship of Mrs Naomi McIntosh, pro-vice-chancellor for student affairs at the Open University, "to undertake pro-liminary consideration of the other main priority tasks to which the council might best address itself in 1978".

Mrs Williams suggested that among issues the council would doubtless want to consider would be the forging of stronger links between formal bigher education and the more informal provision for adult education; concern for secur-ing the proper opportunities for adults with basic educational needs; and the educational implications of changing tech-nology, of developing industrial democracy, and of earlier retirement.

The council's administrative costs, all met by the Government, are expected to be between £45,000 and £55,000 in

# to meet old people's needs'

From Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent Harrogate

Large numbers of very old people are living in extreme loneliness with no family to turn to. Dr Mark Abrams, for-mer head of surveys of the Social Science Research Council, told the triengial conference of Age Concern at Harrogate

yesterday.

He said that unless changes were made now in public attitudes to old people the next generation of the elderly would live similarly isolated existences

Dr Abrams said elderly people did not go to clubs designed for them because the clubs did not meet their needs. Friendly

not meet their needs. Friendly neighbours were much more important than organized activities.

He based his forecast on a sample of 1,600 people aged 75 and over which is to be published by Age Concern. It showed that more than a third of the age around have no of the age group have no children to turn to for support, either because they have never had any or because they have outlived them.

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More than half felt extremely lonely, with nearly a fifth stating that they had never dreamt that they could feel so lonely. Only one in 10 belonged to clubs for the elderly, and 15 per cent wanted help with taking a bath, a service that was not offered.

A sample of people aged between 65 and 74 produced similar results, showing that the next generation of very old

similar results, showing that the next generation of very old people are also likely to lead isolated and lonely lives.

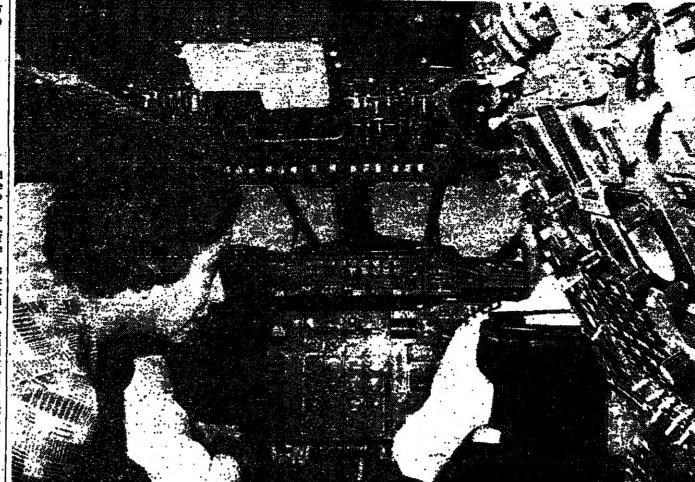
"We need to produce the real facts and substitute them for conventional wisdom about the elderly", Dr Abrams said.

"The prospect in the 1980s and 1990s of a large group of elderly people with no offspring to turn to for support is very to turn to for support is very large unless something is done

His survey showed that in both age groups contact with immediate families made no difference to the likelihood of them seeking companiouship in clubs. In the younger age group twice as many women kving slone as those living with their children went to clubs. But the number of women who joined clubs was less than a fifth of those living alone.

#### Admiralty research

The Admiraky Marine Tech-nology Establishment has been chosen as the name for a new Ministry of Defence research



The Queen taking a close look at the crowded banks of instruments when she visited the flight deck of Concorde on her way home from Barbados yesterday.

#### At the parish pump: An incident on the beach at Barafundle Bay

# Court told of the naked man from the sea

By Michael Horsnell

Births, deaths and some un-dignified sexual antics hold their usual prominent positions in the columns of local newspapers throughout Britain this

And judging from the advertising revenue that must be pouring into the coffers of many weekles, morning will ever replace that trusted for-mula of "hatches, matches and dispatches" in the affections of local publishers for whom the grey columns of the serious grey columns of the serious national newspapers must seem as impersonal as they usually are unprofitable.

In its series of eavesdropping at the parish pump, The Times has discovered the most touching story of the week in the Bedfordshire Times, which was published on the day that young Kerri-Anne Dougan celebrated her first hierarchy with her her first birthday with her parents in the small village of Clapham. What made the occa-sion extra special was the fact that Kerri-Asse underwent an case of a men who emerged awful struggle for survival 12 naked from the sea and

months before, when she was born weighing 1lb 12oz at Bed-ford Hospital. Her parents were told not to hold out too much

hope for her. Today she is a happy bouncing baby.

At the other end of the life cycle the Brecon and Radnor Express sadly reports the passing of several local worthies. The funeral gloom is lifted with reports of the Baptist Missionary Society Women's Auxiliary meeting in Brecon and a dance at Bishop Meadow,

Brecon, organized by the local committee for cancer relief. But in between those lighthearted affairs 1; the sombre reminder of dust and ashes so often to be found in Welsh newspapers: "Doug Prosser, the only undertaker in Brecon with his own hearse".

If "hatches and dispatches" did particularly well in the past week so too did the other. The Western Telegraph and Cymric Times, published at Haverfordwest, reported the

teer off her clothes as she walked along the beach at Barafundle Bay, Dyfed. For-tunately she was able to defend berself with a knife she had picked up on the cliffs, a court was told. Meanwhile a friend of the victim nanaged to place a dog whip round the man's neck. The man later told the judge: "I think it was tem-porary insanity".

Sex also rears its ugly head in east London, where the Strat-ford Express reports that "gym-slip lovers" are helping to send anendance figures "rocketing" at Newham's only VD clinic. Never a paper to let go of a good story when it gets one, the Exmess has another frontpager reporting the allegations of doctors and nurses at the very same clinic that they are working there in "Dickensian

Where births, marriages and deaths allow the space, local newspapers continue to take an interest in waste and in van-

conditions ".

The Western Telegraph (again) reports that Dyfed Area Health Authority has been forced to write off "time-expired catgut" valued at £103 at Ceredigion Hospital, rogether with a patient's cardigan shrunk in the laundry (£4) spother in the laundry (£4), another patient's trousers (£3.99), a flag worth £14 stolen from Abergwill Road ambulance station, and a catering manager's trousers (£7.99), accidentally damaged.

I have always refrained from writing about vandals since a former editor told me not to unless the persons in question were wearing leather skirts, helmets and short swords.

A similar restriction has clearly not been placed on staff at the Wells Journal in Somerset. There, vandals have apparently already started stacking East Harptree's silver jubilee seat, sited in the ground of the social centre. Villagers have told the parish council that attempts have been made to knock out the seat wedges with rocks.

## **Civil Service** moderates win round 1 on elections

By Donald Macintyre

Labour Reporter

Members of the Civil and Public Services' Association, Britain's biggest Civil Service union, have voted 76,640 to 22,606 in favour of individual rather than branch balloting in elections of officials.

But that referendum result has yet to be debated at a rules revision conference at Southport later this month, when a two-thirds majority will be required to abandon the branch system.

Moderates favour the individual ballot on the ground that branch elections tend to exclude non-activists who cannot be bothered to attend meetings. eading right wingers said yesterday that the result was a magnificent viodication of their view that the members as a whole wanted the change.

But since fewer than half the union's 234,000 members took part and a large minority of branches did not issue ballot papers the outcome of the conference is uncertain.

Mr Leonard Lever, the association's president, said:
"The number of people who
took part in the poll was higher than expected, and so was the size of the majority. But many of the people who took part voted without discussion of the sort there will be at the con-

The internal dissension between the left and right over the issue surfaced briefly at yesterday's press conference to announce the results when the two sides argued over the virtue of a change and the reasons why so many branches had failed to produce referendum returns.

Both sides acknowledged that some branches had felt daunted by the prospect because of the wide geographical distribution of members

Mr Charles Ellion, a leading right-winger, the original pro-poser of the policy change and a member of the association's general purposes committee, said political reasons had been behind many branches failure to carry out the referendum.

Mr Regioald Williams, the union's left-wing senior vicepresident, said an investigation of the branches that did not respond would show that both right-wing and left-wing-domin-



IRLINES GOES SUPERS

# Working-class people 'reluctant to use publicly owned sports and leisure facilities'

insuced sports centres and leisure complexes" are benethe whole community as was intended, a report by the Department of the Environment states.

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Its findings are similar to those of a report published last mouth by Political and Economic Planning, which advocated a network of smaller and more ible facilities.

The department's report, published yesterday, observes that local authorities rarely carry out city monitoring as to who uses their sports facilities, their socio-economic status or in-comes. There thus appear to be no policies to increase partici-pation by those who do not

socio-economic status or incomes. There thus appear to be no policies to increase participation by those who do not use them.

It quotes an unofficial study of one centre in inner London, which found that most people using it were in the white-collar professions, and that four lifths of them came by car. The dominant activities were equal, badminton and tennis, which were traditionally higher income sports.

The existence of an apparament in and by the attitudes of the staff. They also complained about visitors parking their cars in the adjoining streets. The report, however, implies that working-class attitudes and habits may be at least partly to blame. It quotes another survey, which found that on a council estate in Hammersmith, with a wide variety of art, drama, music, sports and educational facilities in the neighbourhood few residents availed themselves of them. Immigrants in particular, even

Any change in the existing functions of the two tiers of

local government would in-evitably result in considerable cost for the ratepayers, the Association of County Councils

of the association's policy committee, sold members that the Government might be planning a "reorganization by stealch" of some of the functions of the county and district authorities.

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At the same time the Associa-tion of District Councils re-leased a memorathism to the Government proposing changes in the allocation of functions between the two tiers because it was "particularly concerned

it was "particularly concerned shout the expense, waste, incertainty and delay stemming from the present overlaps and duplication of powers".

Speaking on the eve of the Queen's Speech, Mr Walker said that if the Government were to look at the division of functions "we could find ourselves faced gradually with profound changes without major legislation".

no mention was made in

ently unsatisfied demand among viewed the public library as the middle classes and their they did other public offices, "skill" in using available with a mixture of misgiving, the middle classes and their "skill" in using available facilities have resulted not only in resentment by local people

It cites the case of a sports centre near a working-class estate where "the local people never got a look in, the clubs began booking streights way and the report got around that it was exclusively for posh people and so it was not for them.".

The locals mostly immigrants, were intimidated by the building and by the attitudes of the

Further council changes opposed

the Environment, was deter-mined to bring about an "organic change" in the two-

organic change" in the two-tier system.

Mr Walker said the Labour Party's document on English devolution published in August might be the forerunner of future policies. It had been sug-gested that the nine biggest non-meropolinan cities might be given back some of the functions they had as county

be given back some of the functions they had as county borough before reorganization in 1973.

"It is not just the nine. There are many other old county boroughs which would welcome their powers back again, and that would be a move towards a complete reorganization, and towards regionalism, which the association is firmly against."

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There was ample evidence that the services considered for transfer, including education and the social services, were the very ones that were now working smoothly and giving a better service to the community. "That is what local government is about; service to the community, not how the members of an authority can wield more nower."

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Mr Walker asked the Govern-

In a foreword, Mr HoweR.

Minister for Sport and Recrea-tion, emphasizes that the report is a research document and not is a research document and not a statement of government policy. But he adds that he is "concerned that at a time of severe economic restraint we should reappraise our whole attitude to leisure provision to ensure that all the physical and human resources in the community are fully and effectively utilized."

doubt and suspicion.

by and for working-class con-municies. The most widespread

assure both council staff and the public.

"There is not one shred of evidence that services would be at all improved. It would be a reorganization that nobody

wants."
In its observations on the

government consultative document, Devolution: the English

ment, Devolution: The English Dimension, the Association of District Councils emphasized the need to bring local government closer to the people it served. "Bigger is no longer better, and the old argument of economies of scale can be a snare and delusion where finance and priorities are outside the control of elected dis-

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# AA awards seven superlative citations

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs Correspondent

It notes that outside the pub-The Automobile Association noday names the most restful refuse from the hurly-burly of reruge from the hurly-burly of modern living in Britain. In its opinion, backed by a full colour page in the 1977 AA Guide to Hotels and Restaurants published today, it is Lastingham Grange, a hotel in 10 acres of its own fields and gardens beside Spaunton Moor, North Yorkshipe municies. The most widespread are working men's clubs, which are run by their own members. The report suggests that local amborities should cease to be "paternalistic providers of faci-licies" and increase support for existing leisure institutions, en-couraging them in new enter-

Yorkshire
Mr Dennis Wood, whose
family has run the hotel since
1955, was rusful about the accolade yesterday, feeling that if
he had been the goose that laid
the golden eggs he might just
have been killed.

"It seems an defeat the

"It seems to defeat the object of the exercise", he said.
"We may have charabancs "We may neve charabancs rolling up soon, and be overrun with people." Meanwhile, according to the AA book, 
"visitors recall the sound of the wind, bird song and humming insects". The place obviously has charm: Mr Wood first went there in 1950 for a holiday.

The AA sives or when announced.

The AA gives six other super-lative citations. To the Ritz Hotel goes the nomination for

Hotel goes the nomination for the most elegant dining rooms, although Cunard, the new owner has yet to complete its £2.5m refurbishment in other parts of the hotel.

Britain's most exciting restaurant is in Edinburgh. It is called Flappers and has what the AA calls "dramatic 1920s decor with lasting visual impact". Scotland has the pretries restaurant too, La Potanière, at Gullane, Lothian, a converted sweet shop with the atmosphere of a costage parlour.

tmosphere of a comage parlour. The most authentic United Kingdom period restaurant, rraditionalists may not be pleased to know, has a bistro in the bar and a courtyard geared to do-it-yourself barbe-

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Decision-making should be at district level wherever practicable. The public terms instinctively to the district councillor and local town hall with any problems about the public services.

The essociation has made proposals to give district authorities some "essentially local services, non-strategic planning and highways/traffic management where they have the capacity and resources to take them on. This is not suggesting another reorganization, but a realistic shift of some functions within the existing structure".

The guide recommends nearly five thousand places. Of 4,052 hotels classified, only 57 are awarded red stars for excellent cuisine.

There is, the AA concludes, stope for improvement, although "our best restaurants have never been better, and there are more and better hotels, and more that are better run." We also have some of the world's worst establishments, but writing about the "appalling standards of catering in many public places."

AA Guide to Hatels and Rest. awarants. Automobile Association, fi3.25 (or fi2.95 to mambers, fi3.25 by post).



Mr Maurits Caransa telling reporters how he was chained to a bed for five days.

# Kidnappers free Dutch millionaire for £2m in traceable banknotes

Amsterdam, Nov 2
Mr Maurins Caransa, the
Dutch property millionaire kidnapped last Friday, was set free
today after negotiating his own
release for a ransom of about

He said his captors had in-issted emphatically that they were not political gangsters. "All we want is money", they said. Oddly enough they accepted the ransom in brand new 1,000 guider (about £220) notes, of which the serial numbers are known.

During his 120-hour capti-vity, Mr Caransa said, he had been kept handcuffed to a bed in almost total darkness. Five days almost to the minute since he was seized our-side an Amsterdam trightclub on Friday Mr Caransa was left by Friday Mr Caransa was tert by his captora in a square in Am-sterdam's harbour quarter at about 1.30 am. Shouring "Her" is Caransa! I am the kidnepped Caransa! he hafted a passsing woman on a moped who offered to give him a lift to police head-construct Houseper as a tar-

quarters. However, as a text

Baader hint

of suicides in

Bonn official

From Our Own Correspondent

The three Basder-Meinhof

suiche in prison gave thinly veiled warnings that they would kill themselves in talks with federal officials during the three weeks before their deaths, according to government docu-ments made available here

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The officials also became
aware from their conversations
that the perforists, who were
supposed to be isolated from
the outside world and from
each other during the Schleyer
kidnapping and the Lufthansa
hijacking, knew what was
going on and had contact with
each other.

These details were disclosed

These details were disclosed in 224 pages of documents on the kidnapping and hijacking presented by the Government to Parliament and the press today. They included reports by an unnamed official or officials of the Federal Criminal Office on

conversations in Stammheim prison with the three terrorists:

Andreas Baader, Jan-Carl Raspe and Gudrun Ensslin.

On October 8 Basder said he and his comrades would not put up with their situation much

ip with their stouchon much soon no longer have the prisoners at its disposal. Asked if he was not being unrealistic, Zeader replied, the official said, This was a threat? In a few hours or days the said threat?

the jailed terrorists would make "an irreversible decision". The official commented: "He can only trave meant suicide".

The following day Emsslingth that they, rather than the Government, would ston make

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records

fit police headquarters, arriving about 2 am.

According to police officials he appeared somewhat dazed but otherwise in good health. After receiving medical attention and being interrogated, he was driven home by ambulance. In the early afternoon Mr Caransa told a press conference that he had negotiated for two days over the amount of the ransom. Originally his kidnappers had demanded 40m guilders (about 19m) but had finally settled for 10m guilders. After reaching this agreement Mr Caransa wrote to his office on Sunday afternoon

ment Mr Caransa wrote to his office on Sunday afternoon with instructions to his bank to prepare the ransom money. Weighing 20 kilograms, it was handed over in the sneet by someone from Mr Caransa's office, presumably to one of the kidnappers.

He said his hidnapping had been well prepared. He was taken to a room which had been specially panelled in, and the walls covered with figured all eets. The room had a toilet.

sleets. The room had a toilet. His four captors had spoken to him over an intercom or else

surfived on the scene he took it hooded and gloved using a th police headquarters, arriving flashlight with a red filter on

There were two radios in his room, so that he was able to follow the news of his kidnapping. The kidnappers spoke to him in English but talked French with a Mediterranean accent amongst themselves. Mr. Caransa thought that one of his abductors could have been butch.

When he was being over-powered in the small hours of last Friday he had feared for his life. He was continually beaten on the head and was airaid that his kidnappers would go on until he was dead. He therefore pretended to lose consciousness.

In Amsterdam the police have found a beige car with felse number plates they were looking for in connexion with the kidnapping. Chief Inspector Gerard Tourenaar of the Amsterdam police called the kidnapping "a serious criminal act, which has not occurred before in The Nerherlands." No

# before in The Netherlands". No effort would be spared to

# French deputies cheer Lévesque speech

From Ian Murray

Paris, Nov 2

Mr René Lévesque, the Quebec Premier, told the French National Assembly today that ha!" was more and more sure thist a new democratic country would soon appear on the map " He was long and loudly applicated.

West the first time the staircase had been used since the days of Louis XVIII, 150 years ago. At the end of Question Time the tourner was given over to him.

Closer links, especially economic, between France and Quebec, are being worked out during Mr Lévesque's visit. In a series of miles with M Barre. He confirmed that a referenhis consumed that a reteren-dum would be organized before the next Canadian elections which were due in 1980 or 1981, an dhas this would put for-ward the choice "of a sowerign Quebec, political master of all its internal life, and of its

Mr Levesque thanked the assembly for allowing him to be received there and he called for support for Queber from France and all the French-speaking nations.

speaking narrous.

Mr Lévesque, who is on a three-day official visit to Paris, entered the assembly in styls near the end of Question Time. He was preceded up the main stamcase of the Palais Bourbon by six usbers with tailcoars, silver-tipped sticks and black hats carried caremonially. It

Policeman kills bank raider

Dormand, West Germany, Nov 2—A policemen today shot dead a 33-year-old labourer who has directed of set fire to a woman bank official if the bank turned down his demand for DM50,000 (£12,500).

The man told the woman be first to the bank of last year and told the woman be to flast year.

The man told the woman be to be the president of the part of the pound now floating the street of the president of the pound now floating the pathy for British measures almed at bolstering sterling balances.

With the pound now floating th

The man told the women he was interested in raking up a-credit, a police spokesman said. When he and the women begantalking business in another room the labourer suddenly doused her with petrol and threatened to set her on first if the bank did not give istin the money immediately. money immediately.

But the cashier, who appeared by the cashier, who appeared by the cashier, who appeared by the cashier who the cashier and after the tried several times to set fire to the woman with a lighter—UPI.

alternately in France and were now recent the Britain.

Mr. Callaghan was the first cost of food to pay a visit, staying at Ramboullet on November 11 and the cashet in the string from the context of the cashet in the linear ational Monetary staying at Rambour to pay a visit, staying at Rambour to pay a vis

a series of tales with M Barre, the Prime Minister, and in a meeting with President Giscard D'Estaing and the entire Government comorrow over funch the ways and means of future cooperation are being

serport this morning to be greeted by M Barre, who told him: "We are going to look to ways to deepen our cooperato ways to deepen our cooperation during your stay, which will allow us to confirm the very brotherly ties that exist. Mr. Lévesque responded in kind. He recalled the spirit of equality which existed between France and Quebec. He had come to Paris he said, to tell the French sufforties "where we are end where we hope to go on the path of emencipation."

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Memorial altar for Callas donated

Signor Geovandarisis Meneghni, the estranged husband of the late Meria Callas, has donated a sixteenth-century alter piece to a local church to honour the memory of the singer, who died in Paris last September.

## France flies out troops in hostages move

From Jan Murray

Paris, Nov 2 France has sent several DC8 mansport aircraft to Cap Vert, near Dakar, Senegal, with rein-forcements for the garrison there as a result of recent events in the Western Sabara.
The aircraft left the airport of
Toulouse-Blagnac during the
night, but official sources so
far have refused to say how many men were on board. The likelihood is that 300 of The likelihood is that 300 of the commandos and paratroops who have been on stand-by since last week, when news came of the taking of two more French hostages in the Western Sahara, have been sent to within easy striking distance of the Polisario guerrillas are fighting for the independence of Western Sahara, which has been divided between Morocco and Mauritania.

France is maintaining strong diplomatic pressure on Algeria,

France is maintaining strong diplomatic pressure on Algeria, which is held responsible for arming and harbouring the Polisario, to use its influence to free the hostages. With six others taken in May and five who had disappeared in January of last year, the guerrilles are believed to be holding 13 French nationals. So far nothing has been heard of any of them since their capture. of them since their capture, In French eyes these actions are no less reprehensible than that of the hijacking of the Lufthansa Boeing last month.
It is hoped here that they will be similarly condemned when the United Nations discusses

hijacking on Tuesday.

The Algerians see things differently. Whatever proof there is of their material support for the movement, there is no proof that they have been able to control the guerrillas.

The religacion movement has

The polisario movement has not been recognized by France. It is possible that if this were done, it would smooth the way to negotiations to free the hos rages. President Ould Dadah

President Ould Dadah of Meuritania, where the French technicisms kidnapped last week were working, said in an interview on French radio today that the Polisario guerrillas were Algerian mercenaries. They would not dare to do what they had without Algerian support. what they had without Algerian support.
The hostages are probably scattered in different camps in the desert, which would make

any military operation to res-cue mem almost impossible. cue them almost impossible.
Algiers, Nov 2.—Mr Muhammad Ould Salek, the Polisario
Minister of Information, said
in a press interview today:
"The dispatch of French
troops to Mauritania via Dakar
unmasks the designs of the
French Government against
our region and the A rican
continent."—AP.

Woman jailed

Düsseldorf, Nov 2 German Foreign German Foreign Ministry woman secretary was jailed for five years here today for spying for East Germany. Helge Berger, aged 36, edmitted passing Government secrets to East Germany daving 10 years as a secretary in West Germany's trade mission in Warsaw, the embassy in Paris and the Foreign Ministry in Bonn.

#### Listeners face difficulties over **BBC** changes By a Staff Reporter

The radio wavelength changes amounced by the BBC, which will come into effect in a year's time, may present difficulties to listeners whose radio sets do not receive on all three wavebands; long wave, medium vave and VHF. The changes will mean that

histoners who have turned to medium wave for both Radio Four and Radio Three trans-missions will have to look missions will have to look elsewhere in future: to long wave for Radio Four and to VHF (et least during the hours of darkness) for Radio Turee. At present, the BBC estimates almost half of the sets in use in the United Kingdom provide VHF coverage, and about seven eighths provide long wave

Many people will thus be forced to buy new sets if they want comprehensive coverage, and although there is a wide selection of radios available, many do not provide all three

The BBC has already been discussing the wavelength changes with British radio manufacturers, but most radio sets sold in the United Kingdom are now imported and so Reisish Extenses are now water and so the sets of the sets British listeners, are now rather dependent on what foreign makers will supply.

Many foreign sets will provide medium wave and VHF but do not include long wave, although BBC executives believe that in Japan, which is the source of a large proportion of the sets sold in Britain, there is now increasing interest in

# the Queen's Speech, members should not be fulled into thinking that the matter had been drupped. He believed that Mr with local government, to re-Britain's wealth of spoon-benders give scientists a topic for discussion

By Alan Hamilton

Britain and Japan have a higher proportion of spoon-benders a head of population than any other countries in the world, according to an American researcher into the para-normal.

Ine two countries have, for no good reason, more than their fair share of the estimated 10,000 gifted people in the world who can distort cutlery simply by thinking about it, although there is a strong challenge from Brazil. The two countries have, for

Those and other recent discoveries into the phenomenon launched by Mr Uri Geller on a celebrated BBC television programme four years ago are to be discussed by a panel of scientists at a conference at the Commonwealth Institute in London tomorrow evening.

Dr Andrija Puharich, a Yugoslav-born scientist now working in the United States, has carried out exhaustive tests on Mr Geller and has since examined more than seventy other people with similar powers. He said yesterday: "All I and my colleagues can say is that spoon-bending is not a shownau's trick. We have verified the phenomenon, but we

cannot explain it." tion, an American educational charity, which has recently opened a branch in London. During an hour-long interview at the foundation's West End offices, all my peos ran dry, but Dr Puharich disclaimed all



Dr Andrija Puharich: Cannot explain phenomenon.

will include Professor John States Army medical officer, Taylor, Professor of Mathematics at King's College London, and Colonel Tom Bearden, a retired United States Army of paramormal behaviour. officer, who has sinister ideas on the military implications of spoon-bending.

Colonel Bearden believes that .

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Speakers at the conference

Colonel Bearden believes that the Soviet Union is twenty years ahead of the West on what he calls "psychotronic weaponry", and believes that microwave radiation allegedly being beamed at the American Embasy in Moscow is being used to implant unpatriotic thoughts into the minds of embasy staff.

Dr Puharich, a former United Colonel Bearden believes that

Since then researchers have found a man in Brazil who can paint in the Impressionist manner of Manet while blindmanner of Manet while blindfolded and a woman in the
United States who can core
lesions and tumours of the skin
by the laying-on of hands,

"What we need", Dr
Pubarich said, "is another
Einstein to draw up a theory
we can prove. For the present,
we have difficulty in convincing people that we are on to
something."

Seal Sands, and considered that the impact of port development on Teesside's mature conserva-tion resources should be kept to a minimum and, as far as possible, compensated for.

# and Gudrun Eusslin. On September 27, Raspe suggested that the Government was trying to fin da "police solution" to the Schleyer kidnapping, instead of releasing himself and 10 other jailed terrorists as demanded. If that should happen, he said, the terrorists had planned "a political catasinophe, namely dead prisoners". He did not elaborate. On Orrober 8 Baader said he after fire threat

Socialist leader's warning on Spanish austerity

# set for December

Giscard visit to Britain

of last year.
On that occasion the need for closer relations between the two countries was agreed by both leaders in the course of five hours of discussions. An official communiqué then said that there would in future be an annual meeting at this level alternately in France and

being asked to lend a sympa-M Barre, the French Prime Minister, today called a council of war to draw up measures assued at cutting back the sharp rise in food prices in recent months. The cost of living index annual meeting ar this level alternately in France and Britain.

Mr. Callaghan, was the first to pay a visit, staying at Ram.

He called sogether today the ministers for Industry, Com-mence, Agriculture and Con-sumer Affairs to work out new

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#### Spy to appeal against order of deportation

From Ronald Kershaw Leeds Nicholas Prager, aged 49, an electrical engineer, formerly of Rotherham, South Yorkshire, who left Wakefield prison on Monday after serving six years of a 12-year sentence for passing Britain's V-bomber for passing Britain's V-bomber secrets while serving in the RAF, is to appeal against a deportation order, notice of which has been served on him. He will meet Mr Jack Levi, his selicitar towns are the part of the selicitar towns are the server and the selicitar towns are the selicitar solicitor, tomorrow to work out

Mr Levi said last night that Mr Prager was in a unique position. On the one hand he is on parole which continues until the end of his sentence, and yet he has been issued with notice of a deportation order. The deportation is to Czechoslovakia but they will not accept him, according to his wife. The British authorities may keep him here until some country will accept him."

# No protection of wildfowl area from port works By Our Planning Reporter The Government has confirmed that Seal Sands, Cleve-

land, regarded by manualists as one of Brizain's most important habitats for wildfowl and other migratory birds, will not be protected from future port or industrial expansion. Announcing approval yester-

day of structure plans for Tees-side and for east and west Cleveland, Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, said the concinued growth of the port of Teesside was of local, regional and national import-ance to the overall economy. The need for developing might arise quickly and unexpectedly, and there should be freedom for it to proceed.

He had taken into account the oracthological importance of

From William Chislett
Madrid, Nov 2
Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the
socialist leader, warned the
Spanish Government in a tele
vision interview last night that his party, the strongest opposi-tion group in the Cortes, would be "very exacting" in making sure that the Government ful-

very constructive Opposition."

The Societiest Party has 118 of the Congress wage rises of the same amount. Both Senor Carrillo and Senor politics for the next two years above the agreed rate (inflaming to wage increases of 22 per cent for 1978 should not apply to thouse on the lower end at the moment then they would of the pay scale and that those higher up should except less.

Senor Santiago Carrillo, the Communist leader, who left for Moscow today, said that the communist leader, who left for Moscow today, said that the communic mass were certain sections, which he called the case of British Senor Manuel Praga kribance, where the government had a the conservative brother of the control programme. Senior Gonzalez was one of four political leaders kneed the case of British where the consensual had a consensual that the agreements meant that the political by 20 per cent. In Alliance was the only pany nor point for the time being. We spend but now has to fulful a very different and interesting role. We Socialists will be a that price increases will be kept said that the stare was being of making sacrifices."



# Council proposed for supervising ethics code to end corruption

From Our Correspondent Hoogkong, Nov. 2

accepted way of fife and not regarded as unephical at all.

"There are only two countries in which corruption no longer exists, although once it did", Lord Shawcross said rour of which I have just come back. The other is Singapore in which under the strong leadership of that remarkable man Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, corruption has been vigorously suppressed."

For the rest, corruption occurred in virtually all countries and was eroding the fair and open competition on which private enterprise was based. Lord Shawcross made it clear that his remarks were not directed at Hongkong, which was tackling the problem in a realistic way, but he was speaking here as the result of an invitation from the

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ruption.

"In the international field, corruption is by no means confined to the police and to public officials", he said. "It is something which in all countries—although more in some than others—is a creeping pollution of our social, political and economic life.

"Its existence is being used, with great hypocrisy, in the United Nations and elsewhere by some developing countries

by some developing countries as a stick with which to beat private enterprise in general and the transnational corpora-

and the transnational corporations in particular, regardless of the fact that it is in these very countries that the hands are being held out to receive the bribes which would never be paid but for the pressures which are exerted on those engaged in international commerce. Bribery now is mainly the reaction to extortion."

In 1975 the International Chamber of Commerce set up a commission to study the problem, consisting of himself, M Jean Rey, one-time chairman of rhe European Commission, Shaikh Yamani of Saudi Arabia, Mr Kheredjon, a leading banker from Iran, Mr William Simon, a former Secretary of the United States Treasury, and other well-known figures. They presented their report a month ago.

"It coursins strong recom-

Corruption had become such a "creeping pollution" of the social, political and economic life in most countries of the world that governments must be shamed into action to erase it. Lord Shawcross said in an address to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

In some parts of South East Asia, the Middle East and Larin America, corruption was so prevalent that it was an accepted way of His and not regarded as unepitical ar all.

clean up matters in their own countries. We must shame some of these governments in the inter-countries. We must shame some of the south of the some of the south of the

the jurisdiction.

These were perhaps but milk teeth, but they could afford great protection to businesses exposed to extortion. They

great protection to businesses exposed to extortion. They would be able to say: "We cannot pay because we sho&Uld get into trouble under the ICC code."

The commission's work was finished and it was now for the International Chamber of Commerce meeting at the end of the month to decide whether to adopt the report.

Our Business News Staff writes A spokesman for the International Chamber of Commerce sald in London the the commission's report would e considered by its policy-making council on November 29. To the best of his knowledge, there was no intention of mak-

ago. conference may be needed to contains strong recom- work out these differences.—

Hit-and-run journalist must go to jail

Hongkong, Nov 2.—A Canadian journalist today failed to dian fournalist today failed to persuade a magistrate to review a jail sentence for offences arising from a hit-and-run traffic accident in which a policeman was severely injured. Barrie Came, of Newsweek magazine, was last week convicted of dangerous driving, coursing grievious bodily harm, and failing to stop after an accident. He was jailed for a month, fined about £240 and disqualified from driving for two years.

two years.
Rejecting an application for a review of sentence, Mr Paul Corfe, the magistrate, said be appreciated that the driving lan would affect Mr Came's

## Manila troops overrun

Muslim camp Zemboanga City, Nov 2.— Government forces overran a large Muslim rebel camp in the southern Philippines yesterday after two weeks of fierce fighting, military authorities

said today. They said that a number of rebel officers and men were either killed or captured in the stronghold in the mountains of Tabon, 50 miles north-east of Zamboanga City.

A number of government soldiers were reported killed but no official casualty figures were released. Tabon was described as a rough and foggy coastal area difficult to pene trate by ground forces.—UPL

# Greek protest at shelving of Cyprus atrocities report

From Our Correspondent Athens, Nov 2

Greece has protested strongly to the EEC over its initiative in having the report of the Human Rights Commission on alleged Turkish atrocities in Cyprus shelved at the last meeting of the Council of Europe

The report, excerpts of which have leaked to the British press, is still officially secret. So is the Turkish Government's 500-page reply and counter-charges.

Now it is understood that a proposal sponsored by the EEC governments, postponing publi-cation of the report was adopted at a recent meeting. The proposal gives a time-limit nine months for the adoption of "appropriate sions that would facilitate a measures" to remedy human Cyprus settlement.

rights abuses in Cyprus, but apparently does not specify which side must adopt the

measures. Mr Demetrios Bitsios, the Greek Foreign Minister, last week summoned the Belgian Ambassador to express the Greek Government's sharp reaction and amnoyance at the position taken by the EEC countries.

It is understood that Mr Bissios described the EEC move as a blow to the prestige and credibility of the Council of Europe.

There are indications that the shelving of the report was prompted by hopes that the elimination of this embarrassing issue would help current American-EEC efforts to induce Turkey to make conces-

# The Prince of Wales buys himself a painting

by presenting a prize for an essay on Australia and the monarchy to the great grand-daughter of a seamstress to Queen Victoria.

He asked 17-year-old Annetre Shootman, winner of the nationwide competition: "Was

tize essay politic?" Her only asswer was a giggle.

Observing that 15 per cent of the schoolchildren who submitted entries were in favour of a republic, the Prince remarked: "Inst really means to per cent are in layour of means are in layour of the monarchy, and that's not a bad score in these times."

Competition judges said they were disappointed at the stan-

Camberra, Nov 2.—The Prince dard of the 6,000 entries and of Wales began his 11-day visit called for a review of the teaching of British history in Aus-

The Prince later opened an exhibition of paintings entitled. The Brushmen of the Bush", the proceeds of which went to

He bought himself a painting of his favourite sport, polo, for \$A450 (£280). The painting, by John N. Pickup, is called "The Home Team attacks." It shows an ourback polo match at Broken Hill in the far west of New South Wales.

Afterwards he through the streets of Canberra, joking and shaking hands with passers by. He leaves for Brisbane tomorrow.—Reuter and AP.

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# Lord Carver pelted with rotten tomatoes by an African group on his arrival in Salisbury

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Nov 2

Field Marshal Lord Carver, the British Resident Commissioner designate in Rhodesia, today arrived in the city which may soon become his temporary home. His reception by Rhodesian government officials was coolly polite, but he received a hostile welcome from a group of African

Lord Carver is in Salisbury to talk about extenging a cease-fire between the Rhodesian and guerrillas belonging to the nationalist Parriotic Front. As if to underline the urgency of his mission, shortly after his arrival a rocket fired from Zambian at Victoria Falls, setting the roof ablaze. Mr Pieter van der Byl, the Foreign Minister, commented that this was Zambia's way of welcoming Lord Carver on his peace mission.

on ms peace mission.

Lord Carver was followed by General Prem Chand, the United Nations representative, who was accompanied by Mr

Mr Carter

losing

support

James Jonah from Sierre Leone.
Mr Macaire Pedanou, from
Togo, Mr Benon Sevan, from
Cyprus, and Colonel Gerald
O'Sullivan from the Irish

Army.

Both Lord Carver and General Chand arrived from Dar es Salaam where they had held talks with Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, the leaders of the Patriotic Front. They are travelling separately to make it clear that they have different functions. different functions. Lord Carver received a noise

welcome when he arrived at Mirinba House, the former British High Commissioner's residence, where he is staying. A group of about 60 supporters of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization (Zupo) brandished placards and pelied Lord Carver's car with rotten bananas and tomatoes. Zupo, an organization comprising traditional tribal leaders, has not been invited to meet Lord

Lord Carver and General Chand began their first round of talks with Rhodesian military leaders.

were Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, commander of combined operations, Lieutenant-General Johan Hickman, the Army com-mander, Air Marshal Frank Mussel, chief of the Air Force and Police Commissioner Peter Sherren.

It is expected abort Lord Carver will stay in Rhodesia until the end of the week. He will have further meetings with will have further meetings with military and civilian officials as well as the heads of the two internally based nationalist groups, Bishop Abel Muscrewa and the Rev Ndaganing; Sáthole. According to informed sources Lord Carver will west other African states. These are expected to include other front line states—Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia—and nove and Zambia-

The rocket socident took place at Victoria Falls, close to the Zambian border. According to a military spokesman a hearto a military spokesmen a hear-seeking rocket was fired at a dightaircraft which was flying tourists over the fells. It missed and hit the thatched roof of the Elephant Hills botel

# House and Senate at odds on energy bill

From Patrick Brogan

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representative's office there has now become

From Our Own Correspondent The Senate has completed its energy Bills. These measures are now being considered, together with the radically different Bill from the House of Representatives, by a joint committee of the two Houses.

The two versions are so incompatible, and the positions taken by the two sides are so intransigent, that it remains quite possible that there will be no Bill at all. President Carter was planning to leave on a world tour on November 22 and may very well have to postpone the trip in order to help his energy package through.

Sixty-seven members of the House have sent a letter to Mr Carter urging him to stick to his guns. The House Bill is very similar to the one Mr Carter sent to Congress last April, and its supporters in the House fear that the President, desperate for some achievement this year, may bow to the will of Senator Russell Long, and back the Washington, Nov 2 Washington, Nov 2
An opinion poll published by The New York Times today shows a further slump in Prosident Carter's popularity.

Mr Carter's overall approvaliting has dropped to 55 per cent. It was 62 per cent in July and 66 per cent last January. The public's confidence in the President's ability to carry out his various electoral promises also dropped.

Fifty-one per cent think that Flifty-one per cent think that

he can restore trust in govern-ment (compared with nearly reduce unemployment substan-tially and 22 per cent he can balance the budget by 1981. balance the budget by 1981.

Other findings in the poll are more encouraging for the President. Only 31 per cent approve, and 50 disapprove, of the way Congress is doing its job (Mr Carter's figures are 55 and 27 respectively).

On his specific policies, however, the President lacks support. The Panama trdaties are opposed by 49 per cent of those asked and defended by 29 per cent, while 51 per cent do not believe there is an energy crisis.

memory can match it, and the House liberals are rightly afraid Washington, Nov 2 The Senate has completed its energy Bills. These measures House liberals are rightly afraid.

Mr Long represents the oilproducing state of Louisiana.

He accepts that there is an oil
crisis and that consumption
must be curbed, but he does
not believe that the oil companies are engaging in "the
greatest rip-off in histry", as
Mr Carter has said.

The President and the House
want oil production to be raxed

east oil production to be taxed tax "gas-guzier" cars which use too much petrol. Mr Long's committee (and the full Senate) rejected both these taxes and approved instead a series of tax exemptions for all committees the series of tax exemptions for tax exemptions f

oil companies, to incite them to produce more oil.

The Senate has produced a version of Mr Carter's other proposed tax, that on power companies and industries which use oil instead of coal. However, it would only apply to users of fuel oil who could change to coal if they wished,

Mr Long is chairman of the finance committee and the Senate last week gave him carte blanche for his dealings with the House in the joint committee. His skill on such occasions is a prodigy of modern times: no other senator in the House agreed, that tax raised from energy should be returned to the public in rebates. Mr Long thinks the idea



Kremlin chiefs and leaders of foreign Communist parties listen as President Brezhnev delivers his 90-minute address.

# Drop in Soviet grain harvest surprises West

increased Soviet ourchases on the world market. Western experts, who bad

western experts, who had predicted a fairly poor crop because of had weather, were taken by surprise at the figure, about 19m tonnes short of the plaz. It comes at a setback to Soviet agricultural chiefs who were hoping to follow up last year's record 223.8m tonne

The previous year a disastrous
140m tome harvest led to
shorteges across the country
and souring grain imports.
Mr Brezhmev, touching briefly

West puts

up new

Moscow, Nov 2.—The Soviet grain harvest, a key factor in marking the sixtieth anniver and Western Siberia. The extent of those losses fallen well below its official target this year, President was expected to equal the previous 8.4m tonne record, Meat production had increased from latest October projections were expected to produce 194m tonnes of grain, a level which will almost certainly mean increased Soviet ourchases on weather which her plantage. He partly attributed the harvest losses to the poor weather which has plagued

weather which has plagued farmers throughout the Soviet Union. But he alluded to the chronic inefficiency which has afflicted Soviet agriculture since the Revolution.

"I believe these figures merit due appreciation, although we are aware that not all the problems of serious transfer.

Western agricultural experts said the 1977 results were fourt by early summer droughts in a number of key grain-growing areas east of the Yolga river, and by disastrous rains at har-

for a 1977 Soviet harvest of 205m tounes of grain. The harvest is now estimated to have been completed throughout the country and although the state is still purchasing grain in some regions all harvesting and threshing has finished.

The final 1977 harvest figure within 2m tounes

would come within 2m tounes of the figure projected by Mr Brezhnev. Western experts predicted. They said the European part of the Soviet Union—the Ukraine, Byelorusaia and the Mescare projects. a bumper grain crop this year. The major failure a short-fall of between one half and

Although world grain stocks are in a sufficiently healthy con-dition to absorb the Soviet shortfall, trade sources in London were expecting the grain and offseeds markets to react by moving higher. Under the present five-year scain agreement between the Soviet Union and the United States, the Russians are pledged

to buy at least 6m tonnes of American wheat end maize each year. In the first year of the part, which began with deli-veries in October, 1976, they bought about the minimum

ment of Agriculture has said that so far this year the Soviet Union has bought about 23m romes. Up to 15m ranges of American grain would be avail-able for sale to Russia this year.

American experiment with 'one day, one trial' system

# proposals on manoeuvres

Belgrade, Nov 2.—The West today proposed major new measures to promote fiest West military décente, colling for the military détente, calling for the early notification of much smaller troop manoeuvres than

35-nation European security con-

Mr Leif Mevil. the Norwe-gian delegate, who presented the proposals jointly with Canada, Britain and Holland, said the measures were a "major western initiative" designed to secure fuller imple-mentation of the 1975 Helsinki accords, which the Belgrade conference is reviewing.

The proposals, going well be-youd the Kelsmki, provisions, call for notification at least three weeks in advance of manoeuvres involving "fewer than 25,000 troops and more than 10,000 troops". The Helsinki accords stipu-

late prior notification of manoeuvres above 25,000 men, and western diplomars pointed out that most manneuvres by the Sovietical Warsaw Pact were below this figure.

were below this figure.

Mr Mevik told reporters that delegates iron. Eastern block countries stated they would study the draft in the light of the Helsinki accords, but he said they were non-committal.

Mr Mevik said the proposals were fully backed by the United States, and western diplomats said they represented an agreed draft by all New countries although they wanted to avoid giving the open impression of a block approach at the talks.

The draft was in many ways The draft was in many ways similar to proposals out forward by seven European neutral countries last Friday to expand military "confidence-building measures", but were more detailed in some areas. The western draft lays down

that all countries represented here should give prior notification of troop movements—as distinct from actual memoeuvres—of 25,000 or more ground troops. This would apply if they were moving for a "coordinated purpose", during a period of 30 consecutive days, and for a distance of more than 200 kilometres (about 128 miles) from their point of origin.—Reuter.

#### Arab youths in West Bank demonstration

Tel Aviv, Nov 2.—Dozens of Arab youths demonstrated in Nablus, in the West Benk, today on the sixteen anniversary of the Balfour declaration which viewed with favour the estab-lishment in Pelestine of a national home for the Jewish

schoolyards abouting nationalist slogans and waving Palestinian flags, but their demonstration generally orderly, except some stone throwing,

# uses computer to eliminate tedium and saves on costs Taking waiting out of jury service

Vashington, Nov 2 The day Donne received her ne day Donne received ser incice to appear as a juror in Wayne County, Michigan, she was getting her six-year-old child ready or school. The idea of fulfilling her civic duty was not particularly attractive, because she knew that jury service would lest a full

month.

She had two young children and the car was needed by her salesman husband. The cost of would never be covered by the \$15 (£8.30) a day juror's allow-ance. So armed with two very plausible excuses she sought

plausible excuses she sought and was granted permission to forego her jury service.

Harry was in a different position when he received his summons. He was a self-employed backelor and thought it would make a pleasant change from his samewhat uninspiring job.

By the end of a month of waiting round fourt anterooms and arsending court hearings for a mere nine days, he was too tired-from the late evenings he spent looking after his normal business duries to pay much attention to the pre-

his normal business duries to bleak system."

pay much attention to the proceedings during his final days. Wayne County jurous were in court.

The experiences of Donna vice after being selected from and Harry have been shared the electoral roll. Each was by the two million or so other required to appear for interview before a jury commission. Jury service each year. Most During a typical 30-day term, are those are bored from the process of the part of the process of the part of the process of the part of

decided to finance a series experiments entitled one day one trial. The idea was er that jurors should spend only one day, or at most the length of one trial, at the courthouse, the thereby fulfilling their public allow duties for an entire year.

I wery Several jurisdictions have sought agreed to competate and five ission to metropolitan areas have now decided to introduce variants different of the achiems. A typical case the prospective juror would telephone and be told by a recording whether to navel the chartes the try of Detroit. It chartes the try of Detroit. It is is. Waying County, which in the chartes the try of Detroit. It is is in has been a both in the them with the legal process and their reporting day, the ligans are shown a 16-manute slide programme to acquaint them with the legal process and their role as jurors. They then await essignment.

Those who are selected to the chartes the try day until the try

resounding success both in the eyes of the judiciary and the local citizens. Mr James Canham, the presiding judge of the Wayne County circuit court, says the impovation is a "ray of samshine in a very bleak system."

In one report, sociologists pointed out that children on the outskien of Tokyo start the day at 4.30 in the morning to attend special private lessons. At 8 am they join formal school Clestest. Later in the affections

At 8 am they join formel school classes. Later in the afternoon they travel across the city to study at private Jukts and then after a two-hour joining home in the evening they complete their homework by 11 mm.

The fact that many families are forced to pay prohibitive fees to special private cramming schools places an extra psychological strain on the average child.

Miss Yoko Watsmabe, a sociologist, says that many of the children who have taken

in court.

The experiences of Donna and Harry have been shared by the two million or so other American crizens called for jury service each year. Most say they are bored, frustrated, a juror heard at least three

t and financially worse off trisis each lasting about three because of a raditional jury days. The rest of the time was system which can email making themselving available for a period of between three weeks and six months.

To tackle this problem the long process of selecting jurors for each trisi.

Law Enforcement Assistance Administration a branch of the Justice, Department, decided in finance a series.

and their role as jurous. They then await assignment.
Those who are selected report to the appropriate court-room every day until the trial is completed. They then go home. Those who are not accepted are dismissed at the end of the day and that fulfils their jury service for the year.

After six months' experience. After six months experience, the authorities have found that the new system, once the initial expense of setting it up has been covered, actually saves

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## Warm US welcome for **Brezhnev** nuclear offer

Washington, Nov 2 The American Government morning to President Brezhnev's proposals on a test ban treaty. Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, said that the President's speech was an important step forwards a full test ben treaty. Americans shared the Soviet

view that there should be a down-turn in the arms race, and he welcomed Mr Brezhnev's call for a moratorium on peaceful nuclear explosions. The proposed moratorium, he said, would run as long as the test ban treaty, which is being negoristed at Geneva, and the United States favoured a treaty running four or five years.

Mr Vance desied a report in The New York Times this morning which said the United States had warned the Soviet Union that if it tried and sentenced dissidents it would harm the chances of the Sair negotiations. However negoristions. However, the Secretary agreed that Washing-ton had interceded with the Soviet Government on behalf of the dissidents on a number of occasions, and that it had done so recently.

He denied that there was a direct "linkage" between human rights in Russia and Salt. This is the line which has been taken by the Carter been taken by the Carter Administration from its early days, when it criticized the Soviet Union sharply (together with various other countries) for violating people's funda-mental rights.

mental rights.

The desente policy, and the Salt treaty, will depend upon public support here, however, and it would not be surprising if American officials had pointed out to the Russians how little sympathy they win when they put dissidents, or Jewish would-be emigrants, on trial.

The Secretary would not give any details of the state of the Salt negotiations (which e, anyway, readily available this very leaky city) bur said that they were proceeding well. He said that the Sait-II agreement would provide for a ban on the development and deployment of new missile sys-tems, and that such a ban would be of great value to the peace of the world.

Mr Vance, who was giving his monthly press conference, was not very forthcoming on the various other matters the various other matters the American aim to reconvene the Geneva Middle East conference before the end of the year, but refused to guess how near to attainment that objec-

He repeated that the United States was firmly committed to

the security of Israel.

Mr Vance again deplored the "regrettable backward step" taken by the South Afri-Vorster's ministers that rela-tions with Washington would improve if there were progress towards an end of apartheid, and that progress in the opposite direction would harm rela-

drawn its commercial counsellor from Johannesburg and its naval attache from Pretoria, and expected to vote for the mandatory arms trade ban in the Security Council It had vetoed the ban on economic sanctions because there was no international consensus on the

matter.
Mr Vance was asked about Mr Vance was asked about President Carter's proposed frip to nine countries at the end of this month, which has been much criticized. Indeed the President might yet cancel it in order to light for the Energy Bill here.

The Secretary justified the trip, offering as one reason that the President would be able to emphasize to America's main oil suppliers the need to freeze oil prices. Mr Carter proposes to go to Venezuela. Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and kran, among other places.

# Chief spurns | School suicides shock Japanese

# Vorster summons :

Johannesburg, Nov 2.—Chief Gasha Buthelesi, the Zulu leader, has turned down an invisation from Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, to extend a meeting comorrow of leaders of bangustans (black homelands) with his Government.

The meeting is to study modifications to the Pass Law, which restricts the movement of blacks.

A spokesman for the chief, a moderate opponent of apartheid, said he refused to have any part in "cosmetic changes" of this law, The most recent meeting

The most recent meeting of bantustan leaders, called by Mr Vorster in October last year to consider anti-tapartheid rious, was described by Chief Buthelezi as a farce and a waste of time."

The South African Indian Council, meeting in Durban today, unanimously rejected the white Government's proposed new constitution. The Coloured Representative Council, representative Council, representing mixed race people, had already rejected the proposal, providing for three parliaments—one white, one Indian and one Coloured—Agence France-Presse.

22 drowned in Tanzania Dar es Salazm, Nov 2-

hours if he hopes to pass a series of entrance examinations during his nine years of compulsory education. Once assured of a place in the right kindergarten, preparatory and high schools, a student can then hope to hop on the escalator to the elite universities and subsequently to employment in leading companies. The places are limited and the compenition tough.

study and the lack of edequate relaxation.

The ages of the victims range between nine year olds in elementary schools and university students aged 22.

The examples are numerous. Two weeks ago the 14-year-old son of a clerk in Osaka threw himself in from of an express train. Police later declared the boy was sindying for a senior high school entrance examination. However, the child had taken his life because he was convinced he would have failed the sest. The stringle begins at the age of the and continues for 12 years, a distry children are forced us sit is test before they are admirted in the cramming schools which is turn preparether.

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Them for enhance examina. In another case a boy of 13dons at formal institutions of committed suicide in Tokyo last
week because he could not pro
ming studies, sundents also face duce an adequate picture
a formal six-day school week during a school art exhibition
thanged himself because he was not allowed to watch a tele-

Public Welfare show that 46 children between the ages of five and 14 committed suicide in 1965. This figure had risen to 90 in 1975, a shock in itself, but the figure as the end of the present year will overshadow anything previously recorded. In a chierng comment on child suicides Mr Kiyoski

Merrata, the respected com-mentator of Japan Times, says: One of the main sources of the pressures is the demand that they get good grades or pess the entrance examinations of desirable schools. This is sup-ported by the fact that a rela-tively large number of child suicides were reported in February and March—the period when entrance examin-actions are held.

By the same token, September saw many children kilking themselves because they were either mable to produce the required homework during the summer holiday or, even though they did produce it, it was not same and them? not allowed to watch a tele were either unable in produce vision programme.

Ironacelly, the rare of sault the summer holiday or, even though they did produce it, it years in contrast to the sharp increase in self-inflicted deaths.

According to the police report.

Shimbun declared last mount:

The first study on child "Japan's fiercely competitive school system is generally relieved between blanch and August this in causing young people to throw away these first. In September the country produce a surge in child success is died directly to success the victims hanged them tall most to pressing our leapt from tall therefore forced by their publishes.

Relocate at the Manistry of fours.

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which would in practice have been inconvenient, did not produce the effect that in law the terms which by the agreement had been speci-fically agreed to apply to the

transactions were not relevant in defining the parties' legal rights and obligations. The assignments

terms of the agreement, and they had been absolute assignments of the customers' debts and not

merely charges on book debts.

An unfortunate question aros of stamp duty. Each of the block assignments should have been stamped with payment of the

samped with payment of the appropriate duty under the Stamp Acts. Not one had been. Even more regrettably, there had at least in some instances been an "adjustment" of the amounts of money involved in particular assignments so as to result in less duty being payable than if the correct amounts had been inserted. Their Lordships had accepted an appropriate undertaking by

OVERSEAS

# Mr Bhutto accuses United States of plotting his downfall

Islamabad, Nov 2 Mr Bhuno, the former Prime Minister at present detained in recary had regarded General Labore jail under martial law, Zasa reception as a signal has accused General Zia of fee the coup."

overthrowing him last July as Thi his lengthy statement. Mr part of a plot aided by a Rhutto suggested that the foreign power.

In a signed statement submitted in the Supreme Court as a rejoinder to government. Force chief who now leads the charges against him, Mr Bhutto avoided naming the foreign power. However, elaborate references in his 84 page statement and his deminications of the anti-Bhutto alkance, General Americans when the antias a rejoinder to government charges against him, Mr. Bhutto avoided naming the foreign power. However, elaborate references in his 84 page statement and his deminications of Americans when the anti-Rhutto movement was at its Bhutto movement was at its peak last summer leave no doubt that he is accusing the United States of plotting against him with the active support of his Army Chief of Staff who has now become head of the

As an indication of General Zia's involvement in such a conspiracy, Mr Bhurto said the Chief of Staff had given a farewell reception for the renicing envoy of an unnamed power. General Zia did in fact, arrange a farewell reception last April for Mr Henry Byroade, the American Ambass-

ador. Mr Bhutto stated: "I was still in Lahore (in April) when the Foreign Office informed me that despite my strict instruc-tions that no senior official or minister could give receptions and banquets without the prior permission of the Foreign Office, the respondent (General Zia) had not bothered about these standing instructions by

giving a lavish reception to departing ambassador.

He said that his Interior Sec-

Zia was being approached simultaneously. Finally it was decided to drop Asghar Khanand put the respondent (Gen-eral Zia) in the saddle. Mr Bhutto said. He asserted. "This information is author."

Two thirds of Mr Bhutto's statement to the Supreme Court defended his heavy-handed policy towards the Opposition in Baluchistan and North-West Frontier Province. He said he had dealt ruthlessly with the National Awami Party of Mr Abdul Wali Khan because he regarded it as anti-Pakistan. Now, he said, General Zia was trying to appease these anti-state elements in order to win their political support against

Our Ankara Correspondent writes: General Zia told a press conference in Ankara before flying on to Libya on a tour of Islamic countries that general elections in Pakistan were

# Indian press silenced by a power cut

From Richard Wigg Delhi, Nov 2

On the night that the 1975 emergency was imposed on India it was decided to silence. the Delhi newspapers by a total power cut, a commission headed by Mr Justice Shah was told

Mr Kishan Chand, former lieutenant governor of Delhi, said the decision was taken in the Prime Minister's office with Mrs Gandhi herself in the chair. He could not remember, however, whether the order given him to stop the presses had come from Mrs Gandhi or from Mr Om Mehta, the deputy

When Mr Justice Shah, who is conducting an inquiry into the execesses of the 20-month emergency, asked why he had agreed to carry out such an arbitary act, Mr Chand replied that he regarded it as a poli-tical decision. He had been told

The power cuts stopped Delhi morning papers from appearing, thus preventing the news of the mas surrests of opposition politicians reaching the general public. The power cut in the newspaper district remained in force for three days, in order to give the Gandhi Government time to setup full-scale censor-

Mr Harry D'Penha, the chief Mr Harry D'Penha, the chief censor during the emergency, said he had acted "on superior orders" when he was asked by the judge why court pudgments critical of the Government had been forbidden publication.

After some hesitation Mr

D'Penha explained that he was referring to Mr V. C. Shukla, the Information Minister, or to senior civil servants at his ministys. Mr Justice Shah then ministry. Mr Justice Shah then challenged him: "Why not be frank and say all the censorship was all done on the instructions of the minister?"

At previous hearings a deat previous nearings a de-detailed picture emerged of hiw the Government manoeuvred with influential subscribers and trade unions against Ludia's four privately owned and econo-mically vulnerable news

mically vulnerable news agencies.

Mr Shukla denied that Mrs Gandhi had personally ordered the enforced merger of the two existing English language agencies with the two Hindi ones to form Samachar, the state monopoly agency. He also denied that a main aim was to make censorship of all news. make censorship of all news

But he answered: "Yes" to induce, persuade or com-pel" the merger, after the Cabinet had decided against doing it had quickly results.

Three editors of small mag-sines, which attempted to be ritical of the Government critical of the Government even after the big papers had been more or less curbed by censorship also told the commission how quotations from the Gita (a Hindu sacred text), court judgments, and even jokes which the censors did not themselves understand but supported of criticizing the suspected of criticizing the Government, were deleted and how princing presses refused to handle their copy.

Troops get trains

Buenos Aires, Nov 2.—Argentina's military Government today sent in troops to get the capital's underground trains

moving again, five days after workers went on strike for higher pay.
Although two of the five lines were running irregularly by midday, with soldiers riding beside the drivers and guarding

stations, there appeared tonight to be no sign of an end to the

dispute. A similar dispute on the national railways is also

San Francisco, Nov 2 .- A federal appeals court has up-held the conviction of Miss

Patricia Hearst, the newspaper

heiress at present free on bail for a Los Angeles bank robbery in 1974. She had been sen-tenced to reven years' jail.

Sri Lankan freedom

Colombo, Nov 2.—The Sri Lanka Government has released 136 people, jailed by the pre-vious Government for offences during the insurgency in 1971,

and six people imprisoned for foreign exchange offences.

Nairobi, Nov 2.—Several hundred Ugandan Christians have been arrested in the Masaka

area, 80 miles west of Kampala, after the murder of a Muslim

businessman. Some are already believed to have been killed, according to reports here.

Perry Como damages

Burbank, California, Nov 2 .-

Perry Como, the singer, who is 65, has been awarded \$257,509 (\$139,000) for injuries—suffered when he fell off a stage while filming a 1971 Christmas show for the NBC television

Bogota, Nov 2.—Herr Peter Heinscher, aged 41, a West German industrialist, was kid-

napped in north-western Colom-bia by a group calling itself the

Revolutionary

Colombian kidnap

Christians arrested

Hearst appeal fails

unresolved.

moving again

In brief

## Search by Arabs for joint policy

Damascus, Nov 2.—The leaders of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan met in twin sessions today to coordinate Arab Middle East strategy.

King Husain of Jordan arrived in the Syrian capital for talks with President Assad, and President Sadat of Egypt conferred with King Khalid of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh.

King Husain planned to fly later to Riyadh to join Mr. Salat and King Khalid.

The round of high-level contacts was the latest in a series of Arab efforts to coordinate political and military moves in view of the growing conviction that the chances of success of

that the chances of success of a Geneva peace conference, if ever convened, would be dim.— UPL

#### Palestinian leader disowned

Beirut, Nov 2.—The Popular From for the Liberation of Palestine said today that more Palestine said today that more than 20 months ago it expelled for Wadi Haddad, who is reported to have organized last month's hijacking of a Lufthansa airliner to Mogadishu. Dr Haddad used to head the Front's "foreign operations" section, which staged a series of spectacular hijackings and acts of violence in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Reliable sources say that he

is now in charge of a splinter group, which mounted the hi-jacking of the Lufthansa airliner. Reuter and UPI.

#### 1,000 arrested in Cairo clean-up

Nov thousand armed police, some of them opening fire, raided under-world strongholds in Cairo and surrounding areas today and arrested more than 1,000 criminals, an Interior Ministry spokesman said. The rolls and been in preparation for a mank and followed penciration of the Cairo underworld Okesman said. The raids had Armed Forces.

# Woman teacher, 61, entitled to sue

Nethman & Barniet London term during which he reaches his belonger Chunchl Debroth for Demong Manager of the Control of the Co

It seemed to his Lordship that there were two ways of assessing the upper age limit for complaints of unfair dismissal: the normal retiring age, one looked at the pensionable age, which was 50 for a woman and 65 for a man. Fis Lordship had come to the conclusion that it was one or other of the circumstances set out in paragraph 10(b) that had to be applied, and in Miss Nothman's case there was no doubt that it was the normal retiring age.

Without in any way not following the traditional approach to construction his Lordship had come to the same conclusion as the Master of the Rolis.

Lord Justice Eveleigh delivered a concurring judgment.

The appeal was allowed, and leave was given to appeal to House of Lords on the council's undertaking to pay all Miss Nothman's costs.

Solicitors: Mr E. M. Benaett.

# Book debts transactions assignments

Lloyds and Scottish Finance Ltd Even if transactions under a

"block discounting" agreement had been carried out by the parties from the outset in a manner involving substantial departures from that prescribed by the agreefrom that prescribed by the agreement, the agreement had remained in effect throughout as defining the contractual relations between the parties, and accordingly the transactions had been absolute assignments of book debts as provided by the agreement and not mere charges on book debts so as to be void in a liquidation as being unregistered.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the plaintiff finance house. Lloyds and Scottish Finance Ltd, from a decision of Mr Justice Mocatta in February, 1976, in favour of the defendants, Cyril Lord Carpets Sales Ltd. (in Cyril Lord Carpets Sales Ltd (in liquidation) and its liquidators. LORD JUSTICE MEGAW, sit-

ting with Lord Justice Lawton and Sir David Cairns, said, in a judg-ment of the court, that by section 93 of the Northern Ireland Companies Act, 1960 (section 95 of the English Companies Act, 1948) a charge on book debts of a company was void against the liquidator of the company on a liquida

In particular the agreement had provided for 80 per cent of the value of the blocks of debts assigned to Lloyds, less a percentage for interest, to be paid to Cyril Lord at the times of the assignments, and a further 20 percent less are collection theres. assignments, and a further 20 per cent, less any collection charges, to be paid to Cyril Lord when all the moneys due from the customers had been paid to Lloyds. In practice, however, provided Cyril Lord had met all their banker's order payments to Lloyds in respect of the 80 per cent referable to a particular block assignment, that assignment had then been treated as completed; Cyril Lord had been allowed to keep the remaining 20 per cent of customers' payments for themselves and no further advance of 20 per cent had been made.

There was no question of the transactions having been a "shem", nor had the parties had any intention of creating a charge over book debts or merely making a series of loans. The fact that,

an appropriate undertaking by Lloyds' solicitors, but if there should be similar cases hereafter of apparently deliberate disregard of the requirements of the Stamp Acts in transactions of this nature the court might find it necessary a series of loans. The fact that, while all went well, the parties had not insisted on operating the transactions strictly according to the terms of the agreement, in its discretion to refuse to admit Domestic Violence Act

Lewis v Lewis
Lord Justice Roskill, sitting with
Lord Justice Ormrod in the Court
of Appeal, read the following
statement:
In giving judgment In this court
last Monday, October 31, in Lewis
u Lewis (The Times, November
11), the 'court drew attention to
what it believed to be a lacuna
in the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act, 1976,
which in terms appeared to make rimonial Proceedings Act, 1976, which in terms appeared to make no provision as to the powers of a judge to deal with a person against whom an injunction coupled with a power of arrest had been granted in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

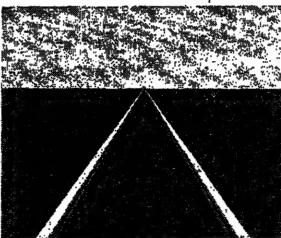
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The court will therefore in due course revise its judgments in the light of these rules to which its attention has now been drawd. The provisions of these rules underline the need for caution before exercising the power to attach a power of arrest to an injunction of this kind, to which the provisions are instructionally in the independent of the court programme in the independent of the provision of the provis

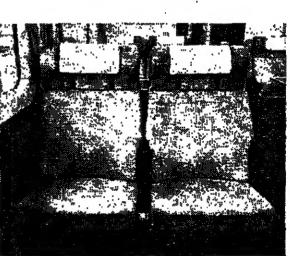
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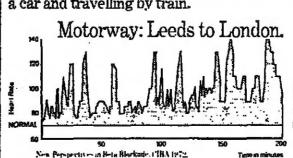


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## Ipswich gain notable win as four go out

Three British clubs retain any interest in the third round of the European club competitions. Liverpool and Aston Villa, as expected, survived but the most notable achievement belonged to Joseph Las Town, who drew 2-3 in the Canary Islands against has Palmas to win 4-3 on agreement. Four others, Manchester United, Celuc, Newcastle United and Cleutoran all fell by the wayside. Celtic, the European Cup with

er, of innstruct.

e match was played in Salzes Leiten Stadium because wick are serving a two-game susion of home cup matches use of crowd trouble. Celtic, in six times in 11 Scottish ier league games this season, med their unconvincing form match played in pouring rain.

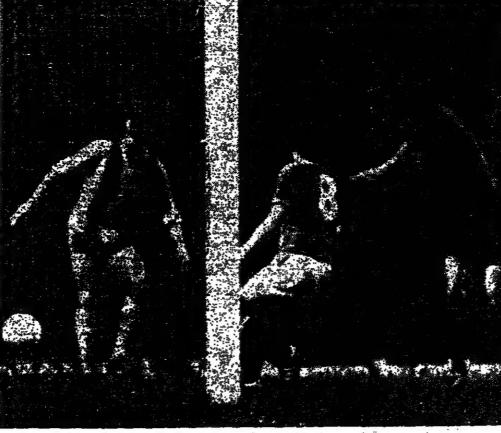
ockes and Wittkamp scored others with a Red Star de-er, Nikolic, obliging with an goal. Suste scored the lone

#### League clubs can change kick-off times

ect that they are fully aware the situation in their area.

All dividends are

# Cruel reward for United's courage



Murca (left) andges the ball into his own net for United's second goal.

# Villa go to pieces but Gray picks them up

Gornik Zabrze 1 Asten Villa I Asten Villa I Asten Villa had cause to thank yet again the remarkable scorner power of Andy Gray, whose magnificent header in the fifty-second minute por the second round Uefa Cup the beyond the reach of Gornik Zabrze, determined though they were to test Villa until the end. It was Gray's seventh goef in his last eight games, The only one in which he fulled to score was the first leg

Leeds United were the first team in the first division to change. Their game at home to Norwich City will start an hour earlier, at 2.0.

Their game at home to Until then Ville's sommolent attack was at odds with their usual lively.

into the goalmouth, Deeban sent with ease and authority, Happily, han, G. Smith, L. Million, K. It on to Gray lurking in a favour-life the failures of the first half, he position just inside the six-rise position just inside the six-rise just box. He out-leapt the out-leap the out-leapt the out-



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#### Tueart put on transfer list at own request

Dennis Tucart, Manchester City's England winger, is up for sale following a "clear the air" talk with the City manager, Tony Book, yesterday and Manchester United could be the first club to make an offer for him.

Book's decision to free the talented forward was taken fol-lowing the amission of Tueart from Tuesday night's Football League Cup third round replay with Luton Town at Maine Road. " It has come as a shock to me ", said Mr Book. "But he requested that he be made available for transfer and I have agreed. It is Tueart is rated at around

as simple as that." E300,000 on the current transfer market, but he could become part of an exchange deal. "He's only just been listed so I cannot soy

just been listed so I cannot say what will happen about a move". said Mr Book. "But I am ready to listen to any offers whether they are straight cash or exchanges. But I think I would want a midfield player in return.

"Peter Barnes has been a revalution. He has proved himself and as far as I am concerned he will say in the team. I'm not saying that he and Tueart could not play in the same team but today's formation in football is 4.3-3 and we have only room up front for one winger and two strikers. Players who cannot get in will have to adapt themselves." front for one winger and two strikers. Players who cannot get in will have to adapt themselves."

Tueart, a £275.000 signing from Sunderland in March, 1973, has been hampered by injuries all season, added Mr Book: "I know that every player out of the side is disappointed, but they have to learn to be patient.

# Sir Alf takes consultant job with Birmingham

Birmingham City have appointed a position to appoint a manager Sir Alf Ranney to a new top job.

Sir Alf, who has been caretaker continue with the present staff. He was away on business yestermanager since the departure of day and mavailable for comment. manager since the departure of Willie Bell, has been given the

manager since the departure of Willie Bell, has been given the title of consultant and has resigned from the board of directors. A statement issued by the club yesterday said: "Sir Alf Ramsey has been appointed consultant to Birmingham City and will be responsible for all club affairs."

The statement said that the Weish manager, Mike Smith, who had been approached for the vacant manager's Job, had been told of the development and the vacant manager's Job, had been told of the development and the would not take the manager's Job, Birmingham have collected 12 potus from nine matches. Sir Alf, with complete control, is now in Smith had been approached.

Birmingham City's chairman, Keith Coombs, said lager that weaveryone at the club was delighted to him county the position. "Mir Coombs said Sir Alf would be in club and the playing side and would make any decision and any iurther appointments." It is a great day for Birmingham City. The future of this club is in very capable hands and should be very good indeed."

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# Sunderland deal completed

Arsenal vesterday completed the 1240,000 signing of Alan Sunderland, the Wolverhampton Wanderers striker, and immediately recouped part of the cost by selling a midfield player. Trevur Ross, to Everton for £170,000. The other activity was at Eliand Road, where Leeds United spent £175,000 on Burnley's Welsh international, Brian Flynn. Brian Flynn,

Lincoln are ser to pay £30,000 for two new forwards. They have Sunderland will make his first appearance alongside Frank Staple on and Malcolm Macdonald at Old Trafford on Saturday—but the other two may have to wait. After signing Ross, the Everton manager, Gordon Lee, said: "It will lones, for £10,000.

# Football, rugby and hockey results

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win 3-2); Alfelico Madrid 2. Nanico
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Basia win 5-2 on aggregate.
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Liverpool win the tie but make few friends

hooked him up and was shown the yellow card. Schmuck took the five kick and Rome seized on a rebound to score. The terraces were sell on a riptoe of excitement when a delicious move down the right presented the ball to Halmer, Dresden's own individual dynamo, and his cross was easily headed home by Sachse. Another goal then would have galvanized the Germans but, also for them, it came, in total silence, from Heighway. This was the first time in six meetings that Dimeno had beaten Liverpool in the last four sessions.

Dinamo Dresdini: C. Boden faub, B. Jakobowski). C. Helm. R.J. Dörher. U. Schunett, G. Weber, R. Hiffner, H. Schude, D. Riedel, M. Müller, P. Rotte, R. Sachae (sub, P. Richter). Richieri, Liverrootz R. Chamence, P. Nasi, J. Manere, S. Hughes, J. James, J. Case, T. McCernotz itab, D. Naj-ciccahi, I. Caigabin, R. Kennody, k. Deighba, S. Keighray, Referee; C. Corver (Netherlands).

#### Newcastle knocked out in 8 min

Newcastle 1 Bastia 3 (Bastia won 5-2 ou aggregate) 

blow. There is no doubt the con-stant changes we have had to make in defence due to injuries and John Blackley's incligibility affected this performance."

Bristol away first St Mirren will be at home to Bristol City in the first leg of the Apple-Scottish Cup finel which will be played in the week begin-ning November 21. The return leg-will be in the week beginning December 5.

Rugby Union

# Middlesex's victory lacks conviction



A prop awaiting support : McGregor tidies up.

# Last minute try confirms Kent's place in play-off

Hertfordshire 13 Kent 15

A last minute my by Kibble, converted by Williamson, gave Kent victory over Hertfordshire at Croxiey Green vesterday and confirmed their place in the London group play-off against Middleser. Until then Kent were either level or beldind, but Kibble's my removed any need for a decision on points average, although Kent's defence had been reliable enough all through to keep them safe.

Kent put pressure on Reeve, a Oxfordshire will meet Glouc-estershire at Iffiey Road on Satur-day week for a place in the semi-final round of the county chammay week for a prace in the semifinal round of the county championship. But they will need to
play with better understanding
than they did at Newbury yesterday when Berkshire, a side with
just a single league point from
their first two matches, went six
points up in nine minutes and
more than held their own until
the last quarter. The margin in
the end, two goals, a try and two
peralty goals to three penalty
goals, flattered the winners.

Gale, Henley's full back, was a
key man for Oxfordstire when
Berkshire dominated the first half.
He took at least half a down
high balls with commendable essent
as the keen Berkshire players bore
down on him and he was always
willing to join in the attacks when it
Oxfordshire at last found their
touch.

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unusual context : Virginia Wade (left) and Wendy Turnbull.

# Miss Evert runs out of steam in he middle of an empty desert

nnis Correspondent

Im Springs, Nov 2 Im springs, New 2
hristine Evert, the champion
the United States, who came
e as favourite, was beaten in
light sets in the first manch of
knaugural championships
assored by Colgate. We should
e expected something like that,
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that the 13 players are contest18 matches in six days for 18 matthes in six days for 3,000 (the richest woman's at there has ever been) during chill of evening in a floodiff ra in the middle of a desert. na in the middle of a desert.

Betr andeavours are being orded for posterity by 150 valists who have converged the Missions Hills Country befrom such unlikely places Sydney, Buenos Aires and edie Hulme. To accommodate occasion, the aponsors have ned the equivalent of a tenued us—lavisity appointed—and bleached, boulder-strewn th.

hey are going to much trouble expense to buy publicity and list status. The seats were city empty on the first night, this was hardly surprising, expanse of desert and moun-

ivil Service side go

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the Civil Service bockey team

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lemy Sandhurst yesterday to

att new players in preparation

the more important matches

come. The visitors found to

surprise that the opposition

mach stronger than it usually

ad went away empty handed.

last year's Civil Service side

Hodge, Ellis, and Brindley

and their places, but they

lid be much stronger once

are joined by the Scottish

ingent. Among the best of

new players was Francis, a

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and who plays for Beckenham

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and XI. He made a fine im
sion yesterday with his subtle

tions of pace and direction.

RMA were happy that they

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this season. They were in

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Francis coming daugerously

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tive and distinguished. Miss Evert was beaten 7—6, 6—4 by Dianne Fromholt in a march contested almost exclusively from the base lines. As the singles event is being played to a round robin format, Miss Evert still has a chance to win. But, obtonely it is not ing played to a round robin format, Miss Evert still has a chance to win. But, obviously, it is no longer as good. This was her first march for more than three weeks. She has been recovering from injuries to both legs, remains inhibited in her movements (especially on hard courts) and is physically and mentally in need of a mughening exposure to severe match play. She played many loose shors and, by her standards, was particularly vulnerable on the big points.

By contrast, the left-handed Miss Fromholts, has during the past mouth, struck her best form after a disappositing year—and she cams here supremely fit after figorous training. Miss Fromholts aimed to tease Miss Evert by using the angles—and she succeeded. She repeatedly caught Miss Evert tapping with short bolls that kept low and explored the lateral limits of the court.

Without compromising her attacking nature, the Australian varied her pace effectively. Her backhand was particularly versatile. There was only one service break. But Miss Evert had her chances. In the first set she had five break points and led by three points to one in the sudden death

tie-breek (an abomination that should have been buried long ago). In the second set she had a break point for 3—1.

Virginia Wade, the Wimbledon champion, beat Marina Navratilova 7—6, 7—5. Big and strong, though somewhat worded about a trouble-some shoulder, Miss Navratilova surged ahead with powerful, yet fluently tidy, tennis. She led 5—1 north hiss Wade, strongling to flood ther form after a three-week rest, reached 2—5 on her fourth break point. Saving six set points, she won 11 points out of 12 (including the tie-break) and eight games out of toxee.

Miss Wade's temperament and her game were admirably authorisative and solid in the crisis, whereas Miss Navratilova, who tends to be emotionally self-indulgent, became uncertain and wayward. At the end Miss Navratilova cast her anxieties aside, won nine consecutive points and saved four match points. But the essential acquament was over. Briskly confident, Miss Wade thistead the match with a flurry of winning backhands.

Finally, Wandy Turnbull beat Betty Soove, 7—6, 6—2, in a match backhands.
Finally, Wendy Turnbull bear
Betty Stove, 7—6, 6—2, in a match
between players who unexpectedly
reached the singles finals at Forest
Hills and Wimbledon. The pattern
was what we expected. Miss Stove
played both bettar and worse than
the nippy, far more consistent,
Austrelian.

Yachting

#### Record number of entries for big race

good support in the middle by Wilkin and Hughes.

In the early minutes the Civil Service forwards combined well and forced two short corners but the RMA attack was soon set in motion and only a save near the line by Brindley prevented Jagleet from scoring from a short corner. Quick covering and marking by both sides denied the forwards the freedom they wanted and a long period of midfield play followed.

Still, Civil Service nearly scored about a minute before half time. A strong shot by Collins from a short corner was well saved by the goalkeeper and in the scramble that followed Francis was penalized for obstruction.

Civil Service started the second half with a sparkling run on the right by Ellis, whose that just missed the far post. The RMA forwards made some spirited counter-stracks but the Civil Service defence refused to yield. A persistent drizzle tended to hamper progress but towards the end Civil Service launched a flerce ouslaught and were unlucky when Francis, who had his stick held down in the goalmouth, earned nothing more than a short corner which proved abortive.

RMA SANDHURST: O Cd: D. Undorwhill. 2 It D. Marwaha. 2 It Jagleet Shiph. Capt. P. Babbington. 5 Civil. Service: R. Noy: J. Proc. let. M. Holms. 2 It C. Findiater. Civil Service: R. Noy: J. Proc. let. M. Holms. 2 It C. Findiater. Civil Service: R. Noy: J. Proc. let. M. Holms. 2 It C. Findiater. Civil Service: R. Noy: J. Proc. let. M. Holms. 2 It C. Findiater. Civil Service: R. Noy: J. Proc. let. M. Holms. 2 It C. Findiater. Civil Service: R. Noy: J. Proc. let. M. Holms. 3 It J. Jagleet Shiph. Capt. D. Dickson. R. Collins. E. Vicker: D. Sydney, Nov 2.—The Cruising Yecht Club of Australia has received a record 116 suiries for the thirty-hird Sydney to Hobart yachting raca next month but closer to 130 yachts will probably go to the starting line. Among the euries are 22 overseas yachts representing the United States, Britain, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the European Economic Community, which will comprise yachts from France, Germany and Ireland.

It will be the first time that an

Germany and Ireland.

It will be the first time that an EEC team, as such, has competed in any sporting event and they are expected to stake a strong claim for the Southern Cross Trophy series to be sailed over four races between December 18 and December 26. The British entries for the race are Sir Max Airken's 48ft Knockout, D. O. May's 42ft Winsome 77 and A. B. Lang and R. A. J. Woodbridge's 32ft Xaviera. The 630 nautical mile ocean race, regarded as one of the world's big international ocean races, will start in Sydney on Boxing Day.—Reuter.

#### Australia and N Zealand are favourites

Auckland, Nov 2.—Australian and New Zealand boats look likely to contest the World One Ton Cupyachting series which begins in the Hauraki Gulf off here tomorrow. Fourteen yachts will contest the series, opening with a 44km (27 mile) Diympic course race. The host nation New Zealand are fielding six boats and Britain, Canada, France and the United States also have entries.

have entries. New Zealand's Christopher Bouziad, twice winner of the Grand Prix event of offshore racing, today picked centreboard boars to dominate conventional boars to dominate conventional Kecler designs. Resolute Salmon, the American boat which won the cup off Marseilles last year, revealed an advantage for centreboard yachts. New Zealand hopes rest mainly on Smackwater Jack and Smir-Noff-Agen.

and Smir-Noff-Agen.

The four-boat Australian challenge is headed by Tom Stephenson's B95 and the Hobart Yacht Hecate with Charles Davies at the heim. France's entry is the former New Zealand champion boat, Country Boy, chartered by a Tabitian crew and skippered by Michel Alcon. The five-race series finishes on November 9.—Agence France-Presse.

#### Athletics

# Scholarships for Little

Peter Linie, of Craigmount High School, Edinburgh, and Josephine White, from Banstead, Surrey, both 16, have been chosen for the athletics scholarships. They will each receive £500 annually until the 1980 Olympic Games.

The scholarships, sponsored by Esso, are aimed at helping young apiletes at the difficult time in their careers when they might be their careers when they might be leaving school. Little, who leaves school at the end of this term,

Racing

# Win for Unexpected will be no surprise

M. L. Thomas needs to ride four more winners in order to reach more winners in order to reach a hundred in a season for the first time in his career which a spans 16 years. Whith a renotoriously hard to come by at this stage of the season but Thomas is not without a chance of reaching that milestone.

By all accounts he can look forward to a good ride in the William Hill November Handicap at Doncaster on Saturday on Sailcloth who has been trained specially for the race since he ran Lochranza to half a length in the Aske Handicap at York on October 7. That was Sailcloth's first race for four months and his trainer, William Hastings-Bass, had every reason to be pleased with his performance.

At Teesside Park today Thomas should go near to winning at least two races on Unexpected (3.0) and Badajos (4.0) and possibly a third on Man Alive. Unexpected ran well enough at Newmarket last Saturday and at San-

By Michael Philips
With only two days to go to
the end of the flar racing season
M. L. Thomas needs to ride four
more winners in order to reach

down Park before that to suggest that he certainly ought to be capable of winning a race such as the Lustrum Beck Stakes.

Pinted against five other borses who all won their last race Radajos obviously has a much harder task in the Durham Stakes. Yet there was no mistaking the authority with which he won his last race at Doncaster which was, incidentally, his first since the middle of April and he is my

middle of April and he is my selection.

Man Alive can be expected to run well in the Londonderry Handicap Stakes—he has not fluished out of the first four in any of his last five races—but I still doubt whether he will beat Epilogue, who missed a race at Newmarket last week to wait for today's contest. Epilogue has won her last two races easily and when a filly starts to improve at this time of the year there is no knowing when or where she will stop.

## Tamalin earns chance to win Hennessy Gold Cup

Tamalin will run in the Hennessey Gold Cup at Newbury on November 26. The decision was taken after he had beaten Forest King by five lengths in the featured Denton Handicap Steeplechase at Carlisle yesterday. Tamalin, a 10-year-old, whose best display in 1976 was in the Hennessey Gold Cup when second to Zeta's Son by one and a half lengths, shrugged off 12st 7lb with David Goulding riding patiently. Tregarron cut our much of the early running and Goulding began to move Tamalin aup with four fences still to Jump. It was not until approaching the last two fences that Tamalin strode clear. Alan Metcalle, a farmer who owns Tamalin, said: "Tamalin definituly goes in the Hennessey next." Swift reaction from two bookmakers, William Hill and Ladbrokes, was to quote Tamalin at 33-1 for the Chehenham Gold Cup. Forest King is now listed at 20-1 with Ladbrokes and 16-1 with Hill for the Grand National. As the race was not worth portion of the Bennes ap penalty for the Hennessey Gold Cup and is set to certy 13lb less than lest year. Jonio O'Neill, riding in fine form as a feelance, landed a 383-1 treble with The Last Light (8-1). Holly Twist.

Twist (4-1) and Arctic Mist (7-1) and is already the favourite with Hill to win his first jockey's fampionastip.

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Arctic Mist (1-1) and a form as a feelance, landed a 383-1 treble with the Last Light (8-1). Holly the come by a length four the grown home in the course, is on boliday in the course of the course,

championship.

John Dixon, a local permit holder, has only four borses in his yard and started the season in great style, his first two runners being The Last Light and Rolly Twist. The Last Light won by six lengths from Arctic Chellenge in the Orton Handicap Steeplechase.

Half a Sixpence was quickly into has stride but, at the water intop

Kenneth Hogg, who trains near the course, is on holiday in the Netherlands and missed saddling Roman Deen to win the first division of the Barraby Novices Hurdle. Roman Deen scrambled bome by a length from the favourite. Kelice Brig.

Twelve minutes after the race, it was announced that there was an objection by Ron Barry, the rider of Kelice Brig, for "improper riding during the course of the race" by the winning jockey, Tony Charlton. After a lengthy inquiry, the stewards overruled the objection.



Orillo clears the last fence to win the Lionel Vick Memorial Steeplechase at Newbury

# Francome stages a remarkable finish on Discount Market

which she hopes to see some of the horses that she has in train-ing with Fred Winter. Racing Correspondent
John Francome stole the riding
hotours at Newbury yesterday by
winning the first division of the
Cold Ash Novices' Hurdle on
Rodman and the Marsh Benham
Handicap Steeplechase on Discount Market. The way that he
conjused a last-ditch effort out
of Discount Market had to be
seen to be believed. Lean Forward
seemed to have won when he
inched into a marrow lead after
jumping the last fence but Francome roused Discount Market on
the run-in where he staged such
a spectacular comeback that he Racing Correspondent a spectacular comeback that he was a comfortable winner. was a comfortable winner.

Earlier in the day, Rodman owed his success to Francome's horsemanship. In the end Rodman had six lengths to spare but only because Francome sat tight when Rodman victually ignored the second flight of hurdles and all but paid for his carelessness. Francome did well to stay with him, and it was only right that he was rewarded.

Rodman carried Lord Vestey's Rodman carried Lord Vestey's colours successfully three times on the flat sariler this summer. Now he is owned by Mrs Juan Ceballos, who arrived in this country from Virginia only last

the horses that she has in training with Fred Winter.

The sight of Rodman winning was an excellent start to her holiday but, unfortunately, Valiant Charger, her other numer yesterday, failed to finish in the first four, although he ran well, in the Bagnor Hurdle. It was won by Crown Matrimorial, who staged a remarkable late rally to pip Regent's Garden, who seemed to have the race at his mesty.

Frank Cundell paid only 5200 for Crown Matrimonial when he was a two-year-old. When Cundell retired from araining 13 months ago, he advised the horse's owner to send him to be trained in Wittshire by Ian Dudgeon, who had been one of his pupils. Crown Matrimonial has now won five races for Dudgeon and I fancy that he will was more races for him, both over burdles and on the flat, as long as the emphasis is on stamina.

After Dyscole had won the Seven Barrows Handicap Hurdle, his trainer. Derek Kent, told me that Grand Canyon still has a slight filling in a tendon as a result of an injury he sustained while winning his last race at

Kempton Park and that, in the circumstances, he is still unable to batch a firm plan for him. However, it is clear that Grand Canyon will not be able to run in the Colonial Cup which he won a year age. Pas Seul, who won the Cheken-bam Gold Cup for John Rogerson in 1960 and the Whithread Gold Cup a year later, died earlier this week aged 24. He had spent his retterment happily at his owner's home in Sussex until Monday when it was clear that he was in pain and that the kindest thing to do was to have him put down. Pas Seul was undoubtedly a steeple-chaster of the highest class who raced in an era when reputations were notoriously hard to gain. I was on leave from the army were notoriously hard to gain.

I was on leave from the army when I saw him win his Whitbread Gold Cup and the memory of him treating his rivals with utter contempt in that of all races, even with 12st on his back, still warms the blood. On bearing that Pas Seul had died, his trainer, Boh Turnell, told me yesterday that he was by a long way the best horse that he had had the good fortune to train.

Turnell then went even further

#### Teesside Park programme Newbury results 1.0 (1.1) COLD ASN HURDLE (D) 1: Novices: 3-y-o; 2696; Sm 100yd)

TOTE: Win, 18p; places, 11p, 15p, 31p; dual forecast, 35p, F. T. Winter, at Lambourn, 61, 51,

1.30 (1.31) LIONEL VICK STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicap: £1,173; 3m) Orlice broad State Control of the Co ALSO RAN: 4-1 Pacify (4th), 5-1 Smidtick, 9-1 Buckshall (p), 14-1 Fetti-mist, 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 84p: places, 25p. 14p; crail forcess, 81p, G. Belding, at Weyhell, 'al, bi.

2.0 (2.1) SEVEN BARROWS HURDLE (Handsop: £1,079: 2m 100yd)

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ALSO RAN: 3-1 Easter Eel. 18-1

Wovoki. 33-1 Single Sour (44b).
Colonel Nelson, Month Street, Montage,
Charles Swift, Selvay. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win. 78p; places, 22p, 14p,
11p: dual forecast, £1.08. D. Kont, 31

Chichester. 31, 2l. The Flat Somber

did not rus.

2.50 (2.31) BACNOR MURDLE (£1.354: 2'sm 130yd)
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Regents Game (1-1) 1
Timios Rivim M. O'Halloran (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ambremont, 7-1
Winslew Boy, Master Smudge (1), 15-2
Yallani Charger (4th), 17-2 Stevens Boy, 16-1 Burelor, 20-1 Grimston, 25-1 Bawnogues, Popples Love, Prince Maythern, 53-1 Ginare, Gallito, 13

3.0 (3.1) MARSH BENHAM STEEPLE CHASE (Handkap; £1.167: 25m) Discount Market, ch s, by Even Money-Sell Om (Lord Cholses), 6-10-13. J. Francome (11-2) 1 Leas Forward M. J. Evans (7-2) 2 Market ...... N. Holman (7-1) 3

Four back for Fifth

The first four home in last year's Fighting Fifth Hurdle are among the 26 first acceptors for this season's race at Newcastle on

November 19. The four: Birds Nest, Night Nurse, Flying Diplo-mat and Paemako Prince, is joined by Comedy of Errors, who won the race in 1973, 1974 and 1975.

1.30 STAINSBY BECK STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £717: 5f) Gal Hakima (D), B. Hanbury, 9-1 ...

Gal Hakima (D), W. Hakim, 9-8 ...

Gal Harie, V. Mitchell, 8-8 ...

Gal Hitty, B. Nordon, 8-8 ...

Gal Hakima, 8-1 Marie, 20-1 others, 8-1 Spanish Cheston

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Ban Patricle . G. Lawson [10-1] 3
ALSO RAN; 7-1 Raw Deal, 10-1
Spiendid Simmer, 20-1 [ex ki] (4h1),
25-1 Island Liner, 30-1 Enoch's Folly,
Frozen Tiper, Miss Quay, Noday Owen,
Penny Gamble, Prince Cuay, Rockets
Pel, Top and Bottom, Panny Rocket.
15 ran. 2.0 LEVEN HANDICAP (3-y-o : £350 : 1m)

2.0 LEVEN HANDICAP (3-y-o: E350: 1m)

2.02-000 Tapif, R. Jarvia, 9-6

3.004330 Masser's Brass. B. Richmond, 9-5

3.000300 Array stevels. B. Richmond, 9-5

3.000300 Array stevels. B. Richmond, 9-5

3.000300 Masser's Brass. W. Gray, 9-13

3.20300 Mally Bird, (9) H. Blackshaw, 8-11

3.20300 Golden Grove, T. Kersey, 9-11

3.203000 Hally Dell, O. Frennah, 8-10

1.00000 Raligari, B. Lunness, 8-9

1.1 000003 Raligari, B. Lunness, 8-9

1.2 000003 Royal Andrian, M. Gollinge, 8-7

1.3 000003 Royal Andrian, M. Gollinge, 8-7

1.4 000003 Royal Andrian, M. Gollinge, 8-7

1.5 000004 Perspath (8), W. A. Stephenson, 8-5

1.6 00000 Rebaddo (8), E. Collingwood, 8-1

1.7 00000 Rebaddo (8), E. Collingwood, 8-1

1.8 00000 Rebaddo (8), E. Collingwood, 8-1

1.9 00000 Rebaddo (8), E. Collingwood, 8-1 2.30 LONDONDERRY HANDICAP (E971: 1m 7f) E. Rids 13

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V. Wharton 5 11

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9-4 Ribarbaro, 3-1 Epliogue, 3-1 Man Alive, 7-1 Tail 10-1 Money Tower, 12-1 By-Way, 20-1 offers. 3.0 LUSTRUM BECK STAKES (2-y-0: £895: 6f) 00001 Rose Abbay (E.Q), E. Norton. 9-1
00 R.M.C. Spocial, I. Walker, B-11
00 Consort Boy, W. Gray, B-11
00000 Doubitul Sun, G. Robinson, B-11
00000 Hans Led (E), C. Wallace, B-11
00400 Jimbo Limbo, J. Rowlands, B-11
00500 King of Sand, R. Holimshead, B-11
00500 King of Sand, R. Holimshead, B-11

000000 3.30 NORTH YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £916: 6f) Never Se Levely (D), M. Stoute, 9-7
Anegada, Doug Santh, B-10
Anegada, Doug Santh, B-10
Anegada, Doug Santh, B-10
Miss Reightsheridge (B), White S-9
Miss Reightsheridge (B), White S-9
Miss Reightsheridge (B), White S-9
Maiossel, B. Manbury, B-3
Supreme Penky, M. W. Easterby, 7-13
Hope Sternell, N. Angula, 7-0
Hope Sternell, N. Angula, 7-0
Bri-Eden, E. Collingwood, 7-7
Valliss, Craig T-7
Williamon, G. Boothman, 7-7
Williamon, G. Boothman, 7-7
Gl. Closs, 4-1 Never So Levely, 11-2 Nies Kr. M. Trigmas 2 4 4-00000 Annesda Doug Smith, 8-10 1 Seagure B. Remy 10 8 300004 Annesda Doug Smith, 8-10 1 Seagure B. Remy 10 8 300004 Annesda Doug Smith, 8-10 1 Seagure B. Remy 10 8 300004 Miles Knightsheides S. White, 8-2 1 Annesda Doug Smith, 8-7 1 An DURHAM STAKES (£829: 14m)

CRO-01 Cominism (G), J. Powney. 4-9-2

CRO-02 Cominism (G), J. Powney. 4-9-2

CRO-03 Cominism (B), J. Powney. 4-9-2

CRO-04 Cominism (B), J. Powney. 4-9-2

CRO-05 Cominism (B), J. Powney. 4-9-2

CRO-05 Cominism (B), J. Powney. 3-8-11

CRO-06 Cominism (B), J. Powney. 3-8-11

CRO-07 Cominism (B), J. Powney. 3-8-11

CRO-08 Cominism (B), J. Powney. 3-8-6

CRO-08 Cominism (B), J. Powney. 3-8-6

CRO-09 Cominism (B), W. Existency. 3-8-4.0 DURHAM STAKES (£829: 14m)

#### Teesside Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.30 Hakima. 2.0 Bountiful. 2.30 EPILOGUE is specially recommended. 3.0 Unexpected. 3.30 Miss Knightsbridge. 4.0 Badajos. By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Hakima. 2.0 Teeoff. 2.30 Epilogue. 3.0 Unexpected. 3.30 Miss
Knigtersbridge. 4.0 Genninani.

#### Uttoxeter programme

TOTE: Win, £1.61; piaces, 40p, 15p, 44p; dual forecast, £2.51. I. Dudgeon, at Chilterne. 1'el. nk. Salan Power did not run. Lass Forward . R. J. Evans (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-1 fav Lord Brownnodd. 9-2 Exhibit 8 (4th). 6-1 No
Defence. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win. 62p: places, 33p. 11p.
forecast. £5.08. C. Bewicke, at Didcot,
1-2, 51. 1°s., 5.

3.50 (3.51) GOLD CASH HURBLE (Div B: Novices: 3-y-c: E688: 2m 100yd)

Sean, br 9. by Lord Gayte—
O'Chinta (J. McCamphey). 11-0
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Job's Mill .. R. C. Balley (2-1) 2
Telestar ... J. Francome (1-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 far Mr Playbirds, 11-2 The Car., 10-1 Farcatt, 14-1 Great Pal., 16-1 Simpson Jersey, Riberry (I). 25-1 Auni Thea. Josis Bond. Milked Up Kid (44), Umustal. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 62p: places. 19p. 25p., 39p; dual forecast, £1.68. J. Webber, at Benbary. 3'sl. 4l. Scrapalot did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Dyscole. Discount Market. £55.60. TREBLE: Orillo. Crown Matrimonial, Soan, £411.20. Guaranteed pool at Cheltenham tomorrow, £8,000. 1.45 COUNTRYMAN'S STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £545: 2½m)
2 337312 Low Profile J. Harriey, 6-11-8 J. J. O'Neill
3 0000-21 Might Bes, J. Wobber, 6-11-8 J. J. O'Neill
6 2 Amonius, P. Greem, 6-10-12 S. Smith Eccles
7 2 Amonius, P. Greem, 6-10-12 D. Cartwright
8 03220 Bright Coret, B. Rkhmond, 5-10-12 D. Cartwright
10 400 Chartie Croft, T. Forster, 6-10-12 D. Cartwright
15 20-310 kerry E. F. Birchall, 6-10-12 D. G. Thorner
15 15 20-310 Kerry E. F. Birchall, 6-10-12 C. Smith
16 1000-0 Missier R. B. Rkhmond, 5-10-12 D. C. Smith
18 02002-0 Wils Killo, A. W. Jones, 5-10-12 R. J. Evans
18 02002-0 Miss Killo, A. W. Jones, 5-10-12 A. K. Taylor
23 00096-p Super Load, D. Barons, 5-10-12 G. Graham 5
24 Low Profile J. Might Be, S-1 Antonius, 6-1 Lochus, 8-1 Chartie Croft,
12-1 Miss Killo, 14-1 Bright Comet, Kerry B. 20-1 others. 2.15 DARLEY PRINT HURDLE (Handicap: £799: 2m 1f) | DARLEY PRINT HURDLE (Handicap: £799; 2m 1f) | 13 | 202111- | Alweston (C-D), D. Barons, 5-12-3 | P. Leach | 15 | 202111- | D. Barons, 1-12-3 | P. Leach | 15 | 202111- | P. Leach | 15 | 202111- | P. Leach | 16 | 202111- | P. Leach | 16 | 202111- | P. Leach | 16 | 20211- | P. Leach | 16 | 20211- | P. Leach | 16 | 20211- | P. Leach | 20211- | P.

3.15 MARKET DRAYTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £645: 3.45 HARTINGTON HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-0 novices: £444: 2m 1f) 3µ2322 24-0 000-0 0004ro-f0

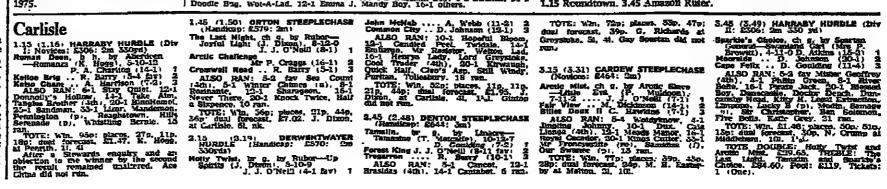
# 4-5 Amazon Ruler, 9-2 Orange Gin, 6-1 Go Brookhire, Frankly Yes, 14-1 Offoxey, 20-1 others,

By Our Racing Staff 1.15 Balloni, 1.45 Might Be. 2.15 Alweston. 2.45 Ireland's Owen. 3.15 Sunny Chief. 3.45 Amazon Ruler.

#### Uttoxeter selections

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.15 Reundtown, 3.45 Amazon Ruier.





# Francis coming dangerously to the target. ere was some early anxiety he RMA side because they unable to field four of their ar players; but reinforces from the permanent staff i the vacancies adequately. I defence was well fortified lipiest, a towering centre back Malaysia with a fearsome hit short corners. Their play fast, direct, and determined, ley and Jolly putting in some work on the right flank with itor racing

# losport chief disputes unt's allegations followed up this season by a letter giving Mosport safety certification for three years. He conceded that only 96 marshals were present for the Friday practice but explained that since all were volunteers, many were not available until Saturday. He said only a few marshals were supposed to be able to use the blue flag procedure because it was a dangerous task and there were only a few places at trackside where is could be used to warn drivers they were being overtaken.

onto, Nov 2.—The president osport motor racing circuit, of last month's Canadian I Priv, has disputed charges by James Huns, the British r, that safety precautions at rack were inadequate.

nt, writing in the British and Autosport, said accidents ing drivers Ian Ashley and in Mass during practice high-dithe "deplorable" condition which the race was run. harges included: that only the required 200 marshals tracent few second andre the required 200 marshals present; few seemed aware taken.

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the transh wagon with the latest equipment was en route to Mosport from Indianapolis but was delayed by a highway accident and did not arrive until Saturday. Other cutting equipment was at the track and way used. hit them; and Ashlev and trapped for 45 minutes or marshals had no equiption thin free. Hum wrote:
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ed person inspecting cir-recause we have known about it for years." or for years."
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"Hudes, yesterday said not
was the circuit checked by
lifted inspector but all the
ted cutery improvements
hade and the track had been
studied for its efforts. Mr
said the improvements were

removing him from the wreckage too quickly.

The guard rails and posts were inspected this year, Mr Hudes said, and he was assured they were right for the job. The posts were deliberately designed to break so that the rails could bend and absorb the crash impact.—Reuter. Ice hockey NEW YORK: National League: New York: National League: New York: Leak Review Nings. Hard Acros b. Hard Acros b. Marid Acros Starms New York: National Starms of New York: National Starms of New York: National National New York: National Na 10 Agains Open (attraction): found M Caratics brail S. found S. S. Smith heat I PT 5-1, 5-4, I Fashedes of Engle, 5-4, 1 Fashedes

was used.

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A helicopter ambulance, which
he said was not required for grand
prix races, was brought in within
35 minutes. But it had to wait
because doctors did not want to
risk further injury to Ashley by
removing him from the wreckage
too quickly. and Miss White

hopes to start work as an appren-tice air frame engineer.

# **Cricket authorities** accused of being dictatorial

By Philip Webster

The cricketing authorities were necused in the High Court yesterday of introducing dictatorial and penal provisions to combat the competition of Kerry Packer's forthcoming cricket series.

Mr Andrew Morritt, OC, beginning his final address the plaintiffs in the Packer case (Mr Packer and three of his players, who are seeking to have the ban on their playing Test and county cricket lifted) said that since May 9 when Mr Packer's proposals first became public knowledge the defendants, the International Cricket Conference an drife Test and County Cricket Board, had used every weapon at their disposal to fight "this thoroughly unwelcome competition".

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"this thoroughly unwelcome competition".

There had been references at ICC meetings to "wars not being won by appeasement." and "slege situations", he said. "In prosecuting this war." hir Morritt said, "they saw fit to introduce provisions which are plainly dictatorial, penal and an infringement of the liberty of the individual. They did this to persuade players to break their contracts, to penalize those who did not, and thereby to prevent players who might be tempted to sign for Mr Packer in future."

Mr Morritt said that references during the case by Mr Douglas Insole, chairman of the TCCB, to "authorized cricket" and by Mr Jack Balley, secretary of the ICC, who described the ICC and TCCB rules as legislation, indicated their who described the ICC and TCCB-rules as legislation, indicated their belief that they had an authority and power more appropriately possessed by some sovereign state.

"Mr Bailey made plan the sort of state he had in mind when he referred to his wish to bind players to his system without giving players any choice or con-tract. That sort of system can only properly be described as feudal."

he said.

The prosecution of the war, Mr Morritt said, had led the cricketing authorities to infringe common law both with regard to restraint of trade and inducement of breaches of contract. "We suggest it is now for the court in its residence, and the court in its gest his how for the court in its traditional role to protect the individual and his property."

My Morrist said that the cricket suthorities had for generations enjoyed a monopoly over first-class cricket. Changes had been ass cricise; changes had been also in the past nine or 10 years, or too little had been done too be. Players for some years had seen discomensed with their lot, garding themselves as underpoid.

ter of a high order. Wittle a mono-poly existed players had little alternative ; their only choice was to play cricket as it was then organized and put up with it, or do something else.

Mr Morritt said that the idea

Mr Mountit said that the idea that Mr Packer was pursuing a venderia against the Australian Cricket Board of Control when he organized his series should be rejected. His reasons were that the players supeared to want it, the public wanted it, and it would make good television. "These are bone lide reasons. No one would invest substantial sums of money in a project such as this if he had not genuinely believed the public. in a project such as this is no near not continuely believed the public would want it and that it would make good television", he said.

Earlier, Mr Mitchael Kempster, in his closing speech for the defendants, claimed that the contracts drawn up between Mr Packer and his players were, in his, void.

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Packer and his players were, in
law, void.

The contracts were unduly restrictive. "We submit that the
effect of this contract is potentaily to sterilize the shiftles of
the player as a professional
cricketer for its ceran, imposing
on the promoter no corresponding
obligations whatever that commit
him to any firm action", he said.
The contract only committed the
promoter to certain obligations it
and when he arranged a tour.

Mr Kempster said that a Packer
player received a sum of money
on signature of his contract, but,
he contended, were the promotermot to arrange a nour of matches
in Alistralia or not require the
player to take part in any nour,
then the money paid in advance
would be recoverable.

What was required to render
the agreement valid was the addition of a positive obligation on the
part of the promoter. Mr Kempster
said that if his submissions were
correct and the contracts were
void allegations that the ICC and
TCCB had attempted to induce
Packer players to break their contracts failed.

He agreed with Mr Justice Slado
that there was no evidence that
the cricketers were unwilling to
fulfil their contracts or regarded
them as void.

Mr Kempster said that the ICC
und TCCB had shown throughout
a concern to act lawfully. In no
sense did the evidence show that
there was any intention to induce
the breach of a binding contract
or any reckless disregard for legal
obligations.

The hearing continues today.

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# Indians open their tour with runaway victory

Adelaide, Now 2.—A brilliant 94 by Viswanario gave the Indian cricketters a ramaway win over a south Australian country side by a cone-day match at Port Lincoln which opened their tour today. Bartier Ventauranshawan, an off-soin bowier, round the country side for 72 when he took six for 18 in 10 overs. India continued hapting after winning, by seven wickets to score 264 for the loss of five wickets. wiches to some any our association of five wiches.

The Indian beamen showed their class against the medicare country bowing but failed to consolidate a promising start because of careless strokes. Viewansth, who accored his runs in 107 minutes with eight fours and the minutes together.

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Kirmani, the wicket keeper,
showed himself to be a useful
batsman when he scored an
aggressive 50 in an hour. The man
of the match award was won by
Venkataraghavan. India's batsmen
looked at ease on the lively wicket
in spite of their poor start. Vengsarkar and Amarnath were out to
full tosses and Chauhan mistimed
a lusty drive and was easily
caught.

When they were dismissed, they
were only one run short of the

were only one run short of the home nam's coal. The match provided the Indians with valuable batting practice for the four-day match against South Australia, starting at Additional Control of the Country of the Count one six, held the innings together.

He and Amarnath added 38 for Friday.

The fifth wholes before Viswanath threw his wicker away. Amarnath finished with an unbearen 52 after a laborious two hours threw by seven so account, and the seven by seven so account.

tors will come under fire at a meeting on Saturday.

Ten clubs in the women's cricket

Ten clube in the women's cricket
association have signed a requisition for an extraordinary general
meeting of the association at Pilling for the forthcoming tour
Maidenhead on Seturday, when of India. Mrs Fline was also
they will discuss and vote on the omitted from the touring party.

England's women cricket selec-pors will come under fire at a approves of the way in which the selection of England's captain was

Golf

## US tour may grow after defeat of limit proposal

Lake Buena Vista, Florida, Nover 2.—Instead of becoming shorter, the United States professional golf tour may become longer. The Professional Golfers Association rour policy board roday rejected a controversial proposal that would have ended the long schedule with the World Series of Golf tournament around October 1 Instead, in a meeting held before the start of the \$200,000 Walt Disney World national team championship, the board established a policy of "continuing to entertain sponsors or communities wishing to come on the rour", the commissioner, Deane Beman, said.

The proposal, which originated in the Commissioner's office, would have ended the tour with the World Series of Golf. Any events after that would have been anofficial. The proposal was rigorously opposed by most rouring professionals. Mr Beman said:

"The beard decided to take no action to terminate the tour at any early date."

The board decided to pursue 2 policy, in effect for the past 15 months, of adding official events to the schedule if responsible sponsors are willing to take autumn dates not already filled. The tour, with about 44 official

#### Miss Massey four strokes ahead of field

Yoshikawa, Nov 2.—Deborah Massey, a young American in her first year as a professional, took the lead on 145 after the second round of the Mizuno women's golf fournament here today. Miss Massey: 8 73, one over par, put her four strokes ahead of Hollis State, the All-American Ladies Open champion, who had a round of 74. Sally Little, of South Africa, is third on 150 after a 77. Africa, is third on 150 after a 77.

Janet Coles, the overnight leader from the United States, returned a disappointing \$1 and lies fourth on 151 with Silvia Bertolaccial, Gloria Ehrer and Jan Stephenson. Judy Rankin, the current leading money earner in the United States, remained in eighth place on 152 with three sompatriots.

#### Nicklaus heads strong US contingent

Sydney, Nov 2.-A strong United States contingent will play in the \$A180,000 Australian Open championship here on November 17-20. It includes the defending champlon, Jack Nicklaus, the United States Open title holder, Hubert Green, Arnold Palmer, Jerry Pate, Ben Crenshaw, Ray Floyd, Bruce Lietzke, Mark Hayes, Miller Barber, Don January, Andy Bean, Rik Massengale and Jerry

Among other foreign players are Ernesto Acosta, of Mexico, Dale Hayes, of South Africa, and Bob Charles, of New Zealand. Graham Marsh. and David Graham lead the Anstralian challenge.—AP. Show jumping



## Smith and Olympic Star take late speed event

vey Smith won the speed event on the first day of the Aryamehr lected a purse of £500, clocked 44.9 sec on Olympic Star in the speed event, only 0.4 sec faster than Iran's Essat Vojdani, on

Britain's David Broome, riding Ballywiliwill, was a tenth of a second behind Vojdani, with Ireland's James Kernan, ou Arilington, half a second away.

Carrousel, was fifth with 46.1 sec. In the jump-off, Broome clocked 38.4 sec. He was followed by Parot with 40.1 sec. West Germany's Paul Schockemöhle, on Agent, was third in 41 sec. Brazil's Carol Maus, on Minister Punch, was fourth in 48.3 sec and West Germany's Hauke Schmidt, on Sirlo, was fifth in 49.4 sec.

The four-day competition started two hours late because a trailer bringing foreign horses to the indoor stadium at the Aryamehr sports cocpler, west of here, bruke down on the way.—Reuter,

## US in lead after Britain win opening event

New York, Nov 2.—After Britain had won the opening event yesterday afternoon, the United States finished first and second in the evening events to take the lead in the man standings in the international show jumping at the New York national horse show. John Whitaker, riding Singing Wind, won the Caucoto Challenge Trophy in the first event, shead of Hendrik Schulze-Siehoff, of West Germany. Buddy Brown, of the United States, was third.

Brown took the Whitney Stone

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Brown took the Writingy Stone
Challenge Trooby, on Sandsablaze,
in a jump-off after five others
went clear. Michael Mats, also of
the United States riding jet Run,
was second and Terry Liebel, of
Canada, on Merchant of Venice,
was third. Achaz von Buchwaldt,
of West Germany, on Pims, was
fourth.

All force ment clear but Sands

show, the United States led with 24 points, Britain had 14, West Germany nine and Canada six. Brown was the leading rider with 14 points, Whitaker was second with 11 and Schulze-Siehoff and Mars were equal third with six. Sighteen horses were entered in the evening event with four from each of the four teams as well as single entries from Puerto Rico and Mexico. Schulze-Siehoff, ou. Chico, had four faults, Willbert Mehlkopf, on Fautast, had 81 after going over the time limit and Lutz Merkel, of West Germany on Salvaro, had four.

Wibitaker had a perfect first round on Ryan's Son but knocked down both the second and seventh funces in the Jump-off. Alberto Rivers, of Mexico on Don't Fush, had four faults in the first round and Juan Rieckehoff, of Puerto Rico on Don Juan had eight. The West German rights averent for Rico on Don Juan, had eight. The West German riders, except for Schulze-Siehoff, had poor luck in the afternoon event and finished

**Boxing** 

## Women selectors under fire Panel beater promises to beat Minter as well

Revin Finnegan, the British middleweight champion who earns his living outside boxing as a panel beater, promises that he will be making dents instead of removing them when he defends his title against Alan Minter at the Empire Pool, Wembley, next Tuesday. In the third championship meeting between the two Finnegan says he will win by a knock-out to make sure.

He still complains about the points verdicts awarded to Minter on their two previous contests. It won twice but I didn't get the punishment he took last time. But won twice but I didn't get the

## Briscoe hopes to be third time lucky against Valdes

Valdes, a former indider of the World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight title, has two victories over Briscoe to his credit and does not doubt that on Saturday he will be confirmed as the nightful successor to Carlos Monzon, of Argentina. Mouzon retired after defending against Valdes in Monzon Carlo last July and it is his title, recognized by both the WBC and the World Boxing Association (WBA), that Valdes and Briscoe will fight for here.

"The in top form and ready to take care of Briscoe", Valdes said as he pounded his way through a flux sparring session. "I'm gesting ready to be champion for a long time, just like Monato."

Monzon."

But the balding Brisone, a durable veteran of 78 bonts in a career stretching over 15 years, insists that he will be wearing the champion's belt on Saturday.

"This is my last big chance for the title", Briscoe said. At 34, he is four years older than Valdes.

"I'm not going to waste it."

There is deep-rooted animosity between the two, going back to their first contest in New Caledonia four years 450, when Vaides won on points, and exace bated by the Colombian's Seventh-round knockout of Eniscoe when they met for the WERL First in Monte Codo. for the WBC title in Monte Carlo in 1974. They have carefully avoided each other during their training here following a bitter battle of words at the gress conference that leanched the fight last month. Valdes held the WBC title for

move than two years pelote be of Monzon for the first time in June last year. His expenience of the big occasion and his technical superiority make him favourite. superiority make him favourite.

But Briscoe, whose courage cook him through if pundshing rounds with Mouzon in an unsuccessful world title amount in Buccos Aires in 1972, is a dangerous man, capable of springing a suspense.

The bout is being staged in the unlikely surroundings of a casino in this small northern Italian town on the shore of Lake Lugano. Only 400 spectators—paying up in filts for a seat—will see the contest, which is being televised widely — Europe and intoughout the United States and Latin America.

—Renger.

# Spinks or Righetti for Ali

heavyweight champion, Muhammad All, will defend his title on Febreary 5 against the winner of a bout between Leon Spinks and Alfo Righetti, Contracts for the title contest, which will be held either at Las Vegas or the Ivory Coast, were signed here yesterday.

The Spinks-Righers bout will be held at Las Vegas on November 3. Spinks, aged 24, won a gold

medal at the Montreal Olympics in the Eght-heavyweight class, Righesti is the Italian heavyweight champion and is ranked minth in the world. All will get a purse of \$\frac{1}{2}m.
plus expenses, with \$300,000 going
to the challenger. It will be APFs twenteth herryweight trife contest. His last bout was on September 23 at New York when he beat Earnie Shavers on suints.

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# Year by year, Doge by Doge

Venice: the Rise to Empire By John Julius Norwich (Allen Lane, 67-50)

To wr : definitive English history of the Serentssima is a worthy ambition for day Venetion aficionado for though the tion oficiariato for though the subject is swamped in descriptive reportage, and water-logged with fiction, there are very few straight historical accounts of the Venetian phenomenon. The most substantial history in the language, W. C. Mazint's, is vast but impenetrable, the but impenetrable, the numerous late Victorian essays are often as inatcurate as they are sentimental, while few 20th century scholars have ventured to grapple with the whole

Story, start to finish.

Years ago Duff Cooper resolved to write such a book, but he died before the chance but he died before the chance arose, and it is his son John Julius Norwich, chairman, as it happens, of "Venice in Peril," who is now bringing a noble intent to firution. In scale this volume, the first of two, is ample; in style fastidiously Gibbonesque; in scholarship unimpeachable; if its successor volume is of the same quality it will unquestionably be the standard Venetian history in English, indispensable not only to academic students but to any of us who take our Venetian involvements with a proper seriousness.

there are any, or to the more there are any, or to the more sober conjectures when there aren't Expect no trait legends no purple flights, from this careful. Steady chronicle. Expect no modistraction of modistractions of the Lord Norvech begins at the beginning (AD 400) said continues, year by year, hoge by Doge war by war, to the start of the 15th contury, with Venice almost at the climat of her success.

dull. Though Venetian history is dazzling in the precis, or the generalization, in detail it is largely a repetitious caralogue of wars and diplomatic jugglesy, made all the less gripping by the deliberate Venetian suppression of anything approaching a personathing approaching a personality cult. It says much for Lord Norwich's narrative skill, and still more for his devotion to the take, that never once, through all the takings and retakings of Zara, the intermanable conflicts with Genoa, the remorseless parade of generally feceless. Doges—never-once in the 300 pages of this book did my interest flag or

On the contrary, the more I proper seriousness.

For it is, despite its wit and frequent bubble, essentially a of the old republic, ready to



in 1935.

hiss at each new appearance of the wicked Duke of Gorizia, or the unspeakable Patriarch of Aquilza, ready to cheer in my chair when Carlo Zeno's squadron appears at last over the horizon to rescue Chioggia from the upstart Genoese. Lord Norwich is a persuasive advocate for the Venetian republic. He believes it to have been not merely the richest and most beautiful, but also the happiest and most just of the happiest and most just of the states of medieval Europe, so that although he is properly disapproving of Venetian malpractices, which were frequent, still the predominant emotion

These examples of Reynolds Stone's engravings show how his style appears fully developed even 40 years 250. As with many commercial designers it many commercial designers it is only when a book such as Reynolds Stone Engravings. (John Murray, £20) appears that one realises how many everyday items have been enhanced by his hand: our £5 and £10 bank notes in the £960s; several 3d stramps. His autobiographical introduction is tantalizingly brief, but Kemieth Clark repairs the omission: in a warm apprebrief, but Kenneth Clark repairs
the omission in a warm apprecation, plus a detailed explanation of the difference between
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remarks: "It meets and
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ventive and in muny ways enventive and in muny ways en-lightened before her time. His splendid book will thus be an honour not only to himself and his father's memory, but to hi incomparable subject, too.

Jan Morris

# New orthodoxies

The Hite Report

By Shere Hite
(Talmy, Franklin, 25.95) the Question? By Um West (Weidenfeld & eid & Nicolson, £4.95)

By Kate Millett (Virago, £6.95)

**Fiction** 

Lancelot. By Walker Percy. Translated by Perer Kuss. (Secker & Warburg, £4.50)

The Farewell Party By Milan Kundera (John Murray, £3.95)

By Judith Resener (Cape, £4.50)

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vomen, both respondents and readers, to cope with inhibi-tions, secrets and unnecessary shames. Many of its general conclusions about the value of clitoral orgasm, the dangers of prescribing a normative hetero-sexual "vaginal" orgasm, the troubles women have with Sita
By Kate Millett
(Virago, 26.95)

These three books about American female sexuality offer the reader different experiences of the turnoli of body and spirit felt by women in the Age of the Sexual Revolution, liberarion and frankings. The Hite Report offers some interesting details of behaviour and a pleasure skin to the pleasure of reading pornography or of masturbation as described by some of the respondents to see questionnaire—an intense cipilation, followed by a sense of claustropholist and repetitiveness. It is made and harding and situations she and harding and situations she and harding find themselves in offer the pleasures, compulsive and not to be despised, of Evelyn-Home's letter column, or a good gossip. Kate Millett's questionnaires.

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Mary of her respondents are within through the troubles women have with the constant have all inconsiderate men, seem very old bat. Mary host frequently word the ferrocious about men—but the atmospher of the whole book is hostile to them, contemptuous and rightened of them at once, and this is surely bed for both sexes about the climbise, in 1947, and books like the ABZ of Love have a lot of goodhumoured device to both sexes about the climbise, in 1947, and books like the ABZ of Love have about men—but the atmospher of the whole book is hostile to them, contemptuous and trightened of them at once, and this is surely bed for once, and this is surely bed for once, and this is surely bed for both sexes about the climbise, in 1947, and books like the ABZ of Love have about men—but the atmospher of the Many done on the structure of the human race, it is should be a lot of goodhumoured described by some of the human race, both inside the single of them at configuration of problems and prob

he gradified to learn that Secker here also ressued the

most femous movel, The Movie-It is not easy to say in a word enectly what The Farmuell Party is all about on to bin down the complications of its blot in a few meet phoeses; it is one of chose subtle, allusive movels which leave the reader feeling exhibitated and enter-tained, yet alightly baffled as

The movel is set to a Crech spa cown which specialises in treating infertility. One of the nurses discovers that she is "There I was, forty-five years old and I didn't know whether there was 'evil' in the world" confesses the hero of Lancelot before embarking—a "Knight of the Unboly Grail"—on a single-minded search for sin: while a central character in Milan Kundera's The Farewell Party—a political dissident who may have committed murder in a sudden impulse of righteous hatred—finds hamself feigning a love he cannot feel "because this abourd embrate was the one good deed, his sole claim to redemption, his only selvation". Sin and redemption, immocence and evil are frequently involved in both these supressive, intelligent novels; both combine wit and a wonderful residuality with a sobering and sympathetic sense of the messy complexity and the selectory could be described. nurses discovers that she is pregnant, and rings up a colo-brated jazz trumpeter to tell him that he is the lucky father. She dimly hopes that he will abandon his even child-less marriage and marry her lossead; he, cunning fellow, tries to persuade her to have an abortion on the grounds that for her to have a child now would min their love for one another. Insvirably, other one aunther. Interitably other people find themselves caught up in the ensuing complications: his jesious wife and her equally jealous boy-iriend; the doctor in charge of the ientifity clinic, who dresses of a world "where a man would not be born smong strangers but samong brothers, and insustates his theory miso-peactice. By feithizing his patents from his private spenty bank; a benega American millionaire, who combines a perior bank;

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movement. Often couched as questions. "Might it not be better ...", the text asks better the text asks to be independent of the maile, gain one's pleasures from self-stimulation, love one's own body, those of other women? Many of her respondents are Many of her responsions are acceptable or good-humoured about men—but the atmosphere of the whole book is hostile to them, contemptuous and frightened of them at once, and this is surely bad for both haves of the human race, if select as an orthodoxy.

women don't go on about it, bu of solemn moral and psychitric terminology.)

one thing she says is that it is the modern "liberated woman who is "especially the timized by the myths surrouncing romantic love". Take the desperately honest Kate M. lett. Her autobiography. Fling, had good parts and be the historic life of a publifigure: the bad were humon figure: the bad were humor less, narcissistic self-pity. T novel swells the bad nonstrous proportions. describes the end of a leshi love for "Sita" whose income derate attempts to get Ms M lett out of her house/Il arouse a fury of self-justify plaintiveness that I thought first might be presented in cally. But I think not. With t aurobiography I felt sorry f those she laid her pen i-With the "novel" I felt con derable (possibly affronting. course) sympathy for its lor-course) sympathy for its lor-object and curiosity about he she got into this bind in the first place. It is a reviewer duty to read all of the hou-under ceylew. I read, dipaput down, struggled, and a not sure I have finally read a of this one. Which is evidentiat it has force, of some kind.

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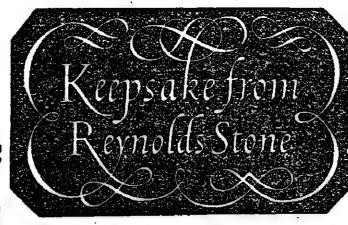


A Reynolds Stone frieze, showing the scope of his work. Above left: Royal Arms for the Coronation service of George VI. Compare the present royal arms (also a Stone design) on our Court Page, first used on April 23, 1953. Above right: Book label for his sister.

Right: Device for the publisher Rupert Hart-Davis, used until recently by the Hart-Davis MacGibbon imprint of Granada Publishing.

Far right, top: a typical example of Stone's work, often to be seen in letter-headings. Far right lower: compare this clock device







# used on the Leader Page of The Times between 1949 and 1966 with the present version of the clock numerals and scythe handles. Murder as social history

By Mary S. Hartman (Robson Books, £5.25)

the more notorious of Victorian femmes fatales have a peculiar fascination for the connoisseurs of mucder, perhaps because of the intriguing contrast between the respectable secretive lives of their clustered and claustrophobic sitting rooms and the fierce exposure of the dock. But the jacket of Ms Harman's book, a lurid Victorian pastiche, is misleading. This is no mere recital leading. This is no mere recital of old and familiar horrors but a well-written, carefully researched and penetrating study of 13 of the most infa-mous of mineteenth-century criminal women, British and French, seen against the legal, social and domestic con-straints which drove them to the desperate expedient of

Ms Hartman is Director of Women's Studies at Rutger's University in the United States onversity in the United States and she perceives her subjects—they are hardly heroines—in the light of her own academic preoccupations. But this is no women's lib defence of murder. Ms Hartman neither romanticizes murder nor presents the women as the street street of male the street women as the street of male the stereotyped victims of male oppression. In more senses than one they had their wea-pons and knew how to use them. Given the socially pres-

My Dear

DAVID FRITH

cribed and idealized code of to enjoy herself in secret— Victorian womanhood each sex that, given the suffocating dull-was the victim of the other. hers of middle-class life in The women may, indeed, have Glasgow, must have been half been said to have got off the fun—and she was just as lightly. The guilt of none is aware as was her dear Mama seriously in question. Yet only six were convicted; five were freed before their full prison Minnoch and a penniless Emile sentences were served: and L'Angelier. So, since L'Angelier. sentences were served; and none suffered the death penalty. Ms Hartman's account of the motives for their crimes, the stratagems they employed and the public response to their trials provides a fascinating combination of real-life murder procedure. of real-life murder, psychologi-cal detection and social history and new and original insights into the minds of the most celebrated murdersses of the

nmetsenth century. It is both interesting and ironic that they killed not because they rejected the repressive sexual and sociel mores of the age but because they accepted them. They were conformists, not rebels. They shor, poisoned and stabbed, not in the cause of liberty, feminine entranchisement or self-fulfilment, but of respecta-bility. Madeleine Smith may bility. Madeletine Smith may had he been the bastard of an dulge her sexual needs in an age when even to acknowledge female sexuality, at least in an unmarried girl, was a heresy against the purity of womanhood, but she took good care had he been the bastard of an there. The respectable middle class women who flocked to notorious murder trials in numbers which the press openly deplored—the potent mixture of murder and adulting the purity of womanhood, but she took good care accepted him because, her

Minnoch and a penniless Emile L'Angelier. So, since L'Angelier. So, since L'Angelier was so disobliging es not to take himself off in favour of a better prospect for his beloved Mimi, he was handed a mag of hot chocolate liberally laced with ersenic to teach him so behave like a gentleman. It was in the cause of respectability and snobbery that Madame Lemoine killed the new-horn son of her the new-born son of her daughter Angelina, who had been the mistress of her mother's coachman. It was not

mother's coachman. It was not uncommon for upper-class young men to receive their sexual initiation from a servant; that a well-born young woman should do so was unthinkable. This, in the words of Jane Austen, was indeed the stain of likegininary unbleached by nobility or wealth. The unfortunate infant would have had a better chance of survival had the been the bastard of an aristocrat.

wealth notwithstanding, public the gullibility of the men with reputation depended on a fascinated incredulity. It is reputation depended on a break with her old lover, Dr Gully, and the acquisition of a suitable husband. When faced with the prospect of a life-time of his less than agreeable com-pany and the certainty of annual and painful miscar-riages she could see only one way out of her predicament. For a desperate and ruthless woman, murder was only too often the nineteenth-century equivalent of the contraceptive pill, the abornionist or the divorce court. These 13 women were bunglers. There must have been many others managed more efficiently.

All the women were accomplished liars. The adjective is appropriate since, given their appropriate since, given their circumstances, deceit was a necessary survival technique. What is surprising is the credulity of their male judges and juries, only explainable, perhaps, by Ms Hartman's theory that the new institutionalizing of separate sexual spheres helped to make the female world a mysterious and alien world a mysterious and alien place for the men who visited there. The respectable middle class women who flocked to notorious murder trials in numbers which the press

possible that the accused them-selves believed their own lies. They may have been amateurs at murder but they were highly adept in the feminine art of romantic fabrication. Scenes from a Clerical Life; an autobiography by Alec Vidler (Collins, £4.50.)

Alrhough Alec Vidler is undeniably one of the most admirable and well-known C of E clergymen of our century, his autobiography might have been more correctly entitled "Scenes from a Cloistered Life". Admittedly, he spent his first decade as a parson in a It is fashionable to indulge our self-righteous horror at the sexual and domestic hypocrisies of the Victorians. One suspects that our own hypocrisies, being on a meaner scale and unredeemed by their energy, optimism and creativity, profirst decade as a person in a Tyneside slum and a Birmingvoke a certain envy. The pro-portion of happy marriages and loving parents is probably much the same in any age, ham artisan parish, in that far-off heyday of the Anglo-Catholic Movement, when young Ox-bridge priests adorned mean streets in cassock and biretta, and, whatever the currently fashionable tenets of sexual and did wonderful work. morality, men and women con-tinue to suit themselves in this

But from the start Alec Vidler refused the isolation of what is usually "clerical life". He sought a community of like-minded priests with whom to share a rule of dedicated discipline, and found it in the Oratory of the Good Shepherd at Cambridge, whose Warden was Wilfred Knox. Henceforward, the pattern of Vidler's iffe, wherever it took him, was in a community, more that of a "religious" than of a parochial cleric. For that reason, his especial sifts of mind and spiritual wisdom were able to be used to the full, at the centre of the theological eddies and currents of thought which and currents of thought which have carried the Church's intellectuals to and fro throughout the war years and the succeeding decades.

His lot was to be in pleasant places, as Warden of St Deinol's Library at Hawarden, then Canon of St George's, Windsor, and lastly Dean of King's, Cambridge. From these bases he practised (in his own metaphor) "theological mid-wifere" ie, assisted in the wifery", ie, assisted in the bringing into existence groups of thinkers and creative people, and in the promulgation of their ideas in books and papers, while he himself also put out books of his own which won wide interest. He was, in fact, during those critical years, a man especially needed, and his influence as convenar, catalyst, writer and lecturer within that province of Christian thinking was prodigious. For 27 years he edited Theology and played a considerable part in the work of The Christian News-Letter and its successor Frontier.

of The Christian News-Letter and its successor Frontier.

What sort of man is he? He lives in Rye in retirement in the house where he was born, a few miles from his life-long friends, Malcolm and Kitty Muggeridge. He is also a "wry" man, as every page of this book reveals. In his youth he was chided for a manner of portentous solemnity", which he hopes he lost. Above all, a he hopes he lost. Above all, a man of God with a great gift for making many friends, and few, if any, enemies.

Joseph McCulloch

next week include Ratcliffe on Angus The Strange Ride of Reviews Michael Wilson's Rudyard Kipling; Paul Barker on the Crossman diaries; Humphry Berkeley on A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers by Harold Wilson; H. R. F. Keating on Agatha Christie's autobiography.

# Her own woman

The Passionate Shepherdess: Aphra Behn, 1640-1689 By Maureen Duffy (Čape, £7.50)

A Victorian historian once accused the biographer of a saxon saint of resling his readers "all, and rather more than all, that is known about his subject. The thought must have recurred to Maureen Duffy, working on the hiography of Mrs Aphra Behn, the seventeenth-century author-the first professional woman writer in this country—a fairly wil account of the known facts about whom could sit happily on one side of a postcard. Searching (and her tone occasionally seems to betray a

certain amount of desperation)
for straw with which to run up for straw with which to run up a few more bricks than those used by earlier bingraphers such as George Woodcock, Ms Duffy has done rather spectacularly well, partly by sheer hard work in searching, and partly by the inneligence of ber inferences. She deals, for instance, very fully with all the possibilities of Mrs Behn's birth, and wish the problem of the possibilities of Mrs Benn's birth, and with the problem of the identity of Mr Behn (who, she concludes, may or may not hive been a certain Richard Behn of Popinsey Afley, St Bride's, who fifts the bill well enough). For the rest of her subject's kite—her unromantic, and the concentrations of the subject's kite—her unromantic. unrewarding career as one of Charles II's spies in the Netherlands, and then her long literary career—what facts are aveilable are filled out by fair guesswork supported by "evi-dence" from the plays and

When one has to speak of inference" and "gresswork" it is difficult not to give the impression of disapproval. In fact, the author steps over the tacky and uncertain ground with great confidence, inspiring confidence in the reader. She amount of information about the men and women who suc-rounded Mrs Behn—John Hoyle, for Instance, the "atheist, sodomite professed, corrupter of youth and blasphemer of Christ" (the words are Bulatrode Whitelock's)

with whom she fell so presionately in love, and whose steadily increased homosexuality racked her; Thomas Betterton, Gibert Burnet, the Earl of Rochester . . . She is especially good on Dryden and his piece in the history of drama vis-à-vis Mrs Behn's own.

In the end, one has to conclude that there is simply into make this a full "physical" biography. But in Apara Behn's writing is plenty of slanting evidence of character, and here Ms Duffy is at her best, giving a vivid sketch of this astonishingly self-suffi-cient author, so spectacularly her own woman wonderfully dismissive of the taboos of her time. (She was a forthright Tory, incidentally, like almost all seventeenth-century women writers. Where were the Puri-tan and Whig women?)

Mrs Behn wrote of sex with such vigour that she was theroughly condemned for it even in Restoration England ("from a woman it was Umaturali"), and her plays sank from sight for two centuries. She disapproved of slavely (having glimpsed it in Surinam, the island in Dutch Guinea ceded to the Netherlands in 1667, not long after her visit there), and in Oronoko wrote not only one of the firet admirable novels in of the first admirable novels in English literature, but one of the first anti-slavery tracts.

Her writing is what makes it important that Aphra Bein should be remembered, and it is as a celebration of that writing that the present book must be most enthusiastically wel-comed. Whether or not comed. comed. Whether or not Oroonoko is "a masterpiece" (as Ms Duffy believes) it is print. Of her plays caly The Rover is available (when Wil-liam Mountford played him, Queen Mary remarked that it was dangerous to see him. he made vice so alluring). The Lucky Chance is at least as good, and one of our national companies could do far worse than look in Mrs Behn's direction

Derek Parker

# Victorious Stod

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smart piece of publishing business. Which of us, while browsing through, say. The Times Literary Supplement, has not been struck by a long, difficult, slightly familiar, plainly modish word, with strong academic overtones and hints of a newish "discipline", but of whose meaning we are not precisely sure, or rather—to be frank—are totally ignorant? smart piece of publishing busi-

This was what happened to Lord Bullock—rather a trendy word himself, come to think of word himself, come to think of it—when he was on holiday, and baffled by "hermoneutics". He thereupon gor the idea, "more or less fully formed", he says, for this dictionary of modern thought, "preferably compendious enough to take with one even on holiday". Obviously the right publishers to go to were Collins-Fontana: for the Fontana Modern Masters series. Collins Fontana: for the Fontana Modern Masters series, slim, cheap, brilliantly conceived and edited, bright and up to date as yesterday's colour supplement, has already enabled hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of fairly educated and moderately intelligent people to profess an easy familiarity with such key modern opinion-shifters as Chomsky, Levi-Strauss, Lukacs, Laing, Marcuse, Reich and so forth.

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The Fontana Dictionary of Modern Thought can be seen as a complement to the biograls as a

The Fontana Dictionary of Modern Thought
Edited by Alan Bullock and Oliver Stallybrass
(Fontana, £2.95; Collins, £7.95)
This, I should say, is a very mean, then you have no need of this hook. If no the other this book. If, on the other hand, you feel you ought to know and don't, then a modest

hand, you feel you ought to know and don't, then a modest investment may be called for.

One must not expect too much. The dictionary does not so much increase knowledge as protect people from the social consequences of their ignorance (though it bas the great merit of including brief bibliographies for more important items). In the attempt to cram an enormous amount into less than 700 pages, it sometimes alips into a statement of the obvious; or, alternatively, into unenlightening academic iargon. My eye, for instance, fell on "grammar". Not, some might imagine, a term necessarily associated with "modern thought", but even I am fly enough to know it is part of the very fashionable subject of linguistics. So here we have Professor David Crystal, Professor of Linguistic Science, University of Reading, informing us that grammar is:

A central CONCEPT in contemporary LINGUISTICS. tradi-

capitals, by the way, means that these words also have an entry; and I should add that I followed this discussion of grammer and related concepts grammar and related concapts through the dictionary without becoming very much wiser or clearer, or even convinced that grammar as defined by "modern thought" is a significantly different or more useful term than the ordinary grammar developed to help people to write English. However, Professor Crystel at least puts me on to F. R. Palmer: Grammar (Penguin, 1971), which may do the trick if I ever get round to it.

Much the same criticism might apply to geography, another old-fashioned subject another old-fashioned subject which is now dressed up in very gandy academic garments, especially since it was taken up by the environmencologists, acologists and other pseudoscientific trend setters. It makes great play with such terms as URBANISATION, GEOGRAPHICAL DETERMINISM, CENTRAL PLACES, DIFFUSION GEOGRAPHY, and the use of mathematical MODELS. We are told by Jean Gottmann, Professor of Geography at Oxford, that "The role of psychological factors has been enhanced by growing interest in the decision making for location and environmental

incerest in the decision making for location and environmental managements (a new field called perception geography is being developed)..."

Again, in the field of history, we learn about such new branches as ETHNOHISTORY, ICONOGRAPHY, PSYCHOHISTORY and that invention of old Namier's, today more fastionable than ever, called PRO-

SOPOGRAPHY, here defined as "the study of collective biography, usually but not necessarily the biography of ELITES such as peers or Members of Parliaments. Prosopography is one of the important types of QU TATIVE HISTORY...

I have quoted enough to give the reader some indi-cation of what kind of book

this is. It might be described

most private of relationships.
Happiness, after all, is less
well documented than misery.
But, undoubtedly, Victorian
women, particularly those of

the emerging middle class, were subjected to frustrations,

were subjected to interactions, boredom, tensions in domestic relationships, and the pressures of social change which, for some of the more vulnerable, proved intolerable. It was the tragedy of these thirteen women—and even more the procedure of their dictings—that

tragedy of their victims—that the way out for them was so despersee, bloody and ultima-tely self-defeating.

as a necessary or even inev-inable by-product of the explo-sion of higher education which took place in the sixtles and sond of inguer caractation which took place in the sixtles and early seventies. Academic research, I always say, expands according to the number of done the long-suffering public is prepared to pay to conduct it; and new branches, subjects and disciplines have to be invented to persuade us we are getting value for money. As a result, a man or woman who might have been considered superkatively well-educated 30 years ago is now made to feel shamingly out of touch by what amounts to little more than the reclassification of knowledge. However, one should not be suporty. This is a pioneering work, full of faults but also with many solid virtues. Some eminent and relibut also with many solid vir-tues. Some emineer and reli-able scholars have contributed to it and they have, on the whole, been subjected to highly professional editing. We have here essential read-ing for the Stringalongs and for a great many other people, if they have any sense. Being not so conscientious as Lord Bullock. I shall not take it Bullock, I shall not take it with me on holiday; but I

shall keep it on my reference shelf. Paul Johnson

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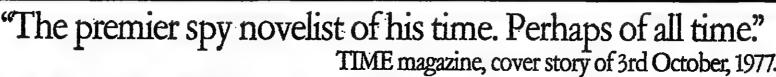
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#### Ronald Butt

# The significant rise of Mr Healey must put him top of the succession stakes

The miner's rejection of the offered it productivity deal, and the heightened challenge of their £135 a week pay chaim, do not only threaten the Government's economic and pay strategy just when its future seemed

The result of the ballot also provides a certain ironical instification for Mr Healey's resistance to revaluing sterling, to which he agreed with such obvious reluctance.

For the Chancellor's misgivings about a dearer pound were not only because of the effect this might have on export competitiveness, or on account of its possibly deflationary

Until very recently, one of Mr Healey's chief reasons for holding the pound down was his fear that the Government's failure to get a phase three incomes policy might have wages consequences so damaging to overseas confidence as to lead to renewed pressures on the pound. If this were to happen (so the argument ran) a cheap pound would be in a safer position than one that had been allowed to go up.

Well, we now have the danger of the complete collapse of the remnants of the Government's pay policy unless it stands firm (with what industriel consequences as anyone's guess at this stage) or unless the miner's leaders and the TUC can help it to fiddle a way out of this corner.

All this throws a new and a more kindly light on the failure of the Chancellor's rearguard action to prevent revaluation—though this does not mean that on more general grounds his hesitation about the sterling rate could any longer be justi-fied. It plainly could not.

Everything now turns on the Government's firmness. Last week, after his Budget statement, Mr Healey was exhorted by a left-wing Labour backbencher, Mr Dennis free collective bargaining and, if it must use sanctions, to keep them to private firms. Mr Healey's reply was forthright.

"The Government", he said, "are determined to use their influence in the public sector as an employer, and in many cases as paymaster", as well as in the private sector where it would, if necessary, withold discre-ionary grants and subsidies. It is this determination in the public sector that is now to be tested, and it remains to be seen whether the test will be to destruction.

These difficulties have suddenly erupted at the moment when Mr of events, and just as Mr Healey had gained a new authority in Parliament which was likely to be of profound significance for the political future.

Government's new self-confidence came during the questions which followed Mr Healey's Budget statement last week, when the ebullient Mr Pardoe sprang to his feet to give his "unreserved welcome" to the Chancellor's announcements.

Mr Pardoe thought the statement brought the Government "half-way to sanity" which would be a "matter of regret to the Conservative Oppo-sion", and his special joy was reserved for the "astonishing trans-formation" in the attitude of Whitehall towards the problems of small businesses in the last six months. For it is, of course, part of the Liberals' claim to influence that the Government's new virtue in this matter (expressed through the activities of Mr Harold Lever) is

due largely to them. Mr Hexley's response was to train on the hapless Mr Pardoe the bludgeoning, remorseless beavystock-in-trade. The Chancellor's broadside resembled nothing so much as a bettleship blazing all its gues at a rowing boat.

"If anything were needed", he observed, "to complete my satisfaction over the improvement of the notion's economy, it is the knowledge on which I can now securely rest, that I have justified the trust of the bon member for Cornwall North ". with his fixed checky-cheppy grin too firmly in place. Mr Pardoe looked as chough he knew quite well what had his him.

> The instinct is to wait until autumn

The binge for the Chancellor's sarcasm was, of course, the little word "now". For there had been no serious doubt, ever since the Lib-Lab pact was sealed, that the Laberals would keep the Government where it is, and no reassurance of confidence from Mr Pardoe was needed to tell Mr Healey that he has had nothing to fear from the Liberais in the past, and has almost nothing to fear from them for the first reason. them for the future.

Mr Callaghan's instinct is probably to wait until the autumn of 1978 (or even conceivably until 1979) but if the Liberals forced an election next spring, before the signs of inflation re-emerged, that would suit him almost as well. For Mr Steel would

precipitated by the collapse of the Government's economic policy over pay, that would be quate a different matter. But this risk apart, ministers are conscious of the strength of their own hand, and Mr Readey's remark to Mr Pardoe was evidence of this. Yet there was more still to be road Yet there was more such to be road from the Chancellor's performance last week when, dealing with a flow of questions, he displayed an authority in the Commons that must be reckoned of some political significance.

Mr Healey's ability to master departmental nuts and botts in the manner of a highly politicized senior civil servant is not new. He excelled at this during his six-year stay at the Ministry of Defence: he has now clearly reached the same sort of expectase at the Treasury. He has a machine mind and an expectite for work and detail which enable him to think very fast on his feet.

His own and his department's plain miscalculation in resisting the revaluation of sterling to which he was then forced so suddenly does not seriously diminish his grasp of what he is doing, for it was at least based on a clear intelligible earlier view of the situation to which I have already referred.

What is new in the last year is Mr Healey's authority in the House of Commons and that could be of real significance in terms of the eventual succession to the Labour leadership.
After his poor showing in the postWilson leadership contest, and his
confrontation with the Labour concontrollaring when the basic interest rate up to 15 per cent last year, few would have given much credence to Mr Healey's chances of being the next leader of his party.

Today, however, the nerve with which he has stood up to the test of

the past 12 months and the success, so far, of his policies put a different complexion on things. What is more, serious compenium has faded away.

Mr Foot is no louger in it; Mrs Williams has failed to emerge as the leader of any significant section of the party and Mr Calkaghan has, for the time being, tamed Mr Benn in a way Harold Wilson found impossible. Today, after Mr Calbeghan, there is only Mr Healey.

The question now is what Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey will do with their success so far, and whether a wages explosion will undermine them before they reach the election. And if they were to reach the election and win, what would they do with a new lease of power once they had waved the Liberals goodbye?

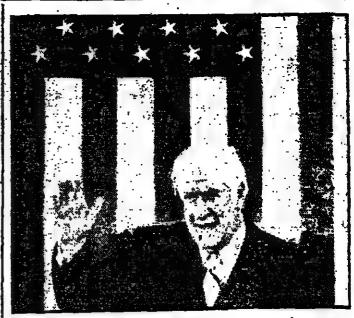
waved the Liberals goodbye?

There are people in the City now who seem contented to have a Labour Government implementing sound financial and economic policies which they fear would be politically anacceptable from the Tories, and there are ordinary citizens who feel the same. Yet as the election draws nearer, there will be a rising incentive for the electronic to kook beyond polling day to see what sort of government Mr Callaghan will then, if he wins, be able to offer, and what the next phase of Labour's socialism will really amount to.

It is an old maxim that oppositions

will really amount to.

It is an old maxim that oppositions do not win elections; governments lose them. At the moment, the polls suggest that the present Opposition may not find it easy to win. But this does not mean that it is too late for the Government, Mr Healey's skill notwithstanding, to lose it, and it is probably true to say that his succession to the leadership depends on Mr Callaghan's being able to hand it to him in power. In Opposition, it would be quite another matter.



Mr Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the House of Representatives: a mar the President has learnt not to offend.

# Is President Carter wising up to the ways of Washington?

The word around Washington is that Jimmy Carrer is the best-qualified President since Herbert Hoover, After all, Mr Carter, like Mr Hoover, is an arrive the manufactured of the second engineer, a businessman, an intellectual, an experienced administrator, a man who knows all the questions and thinks he

knows all the answers.

Another comparison is with John F. Kennedy. The two Presidents had terrible rela-tions with Congress and with the business community, and Kennedy's foreign policy was not notably successful until near the end, when he schieved the Test Ban Treaty. not notably successful until near the end, when he chieved the Test Ban Treaty.

Mr Carter has been President now for nine months, and is in the midst of a period of the Finance cheery criticism. Since the Committee of the Finance the midst of a period of sherp criticism. Since the Lance affair came into the open last August, he has done nothing right and the unforgiving critics are gleefully talking about a one-term presidency.

New it is clearly much to be consisted in the midst of the Finance Committee.

In much the same way, Mr. Carter has learnt about for eigners. He began his presidency by lecturing foreign governments, notably the Russians, human rights. It became

Now it is clearly much too early to write off Jimmy Carter. Last week the House of Representatives passed a Bill refinancing the social security system and the senate has followed suit and is at last making some progress on the Energy Bill. There are signs that the President is bowing to criticism of his way of doing

Carter presidency is that the President is too suspicious of

Washington to clean up the

It has taken him nine months, but he does seem to have learnt, at last, about the separation of powers. Congress is a separate and equal branch of the United States Government and the President must win his way there by persua-zion and reason, not by issuing

He learnt about the House of Representatives first. He found that the Speaker of the House, Mr Tip O'Neill, is a

when Mr O'Nell was oftended at being given a seat in the back row at a gala inauguration concert. They no longer make that sor, of mistake, and Mr O'Neill got the Energy Bill through with despatch, and has the control of the contro just got the Social Security Bill

The Senate is even more prickly than the House and it required a longer and more difficult lesson in humility for the President to discover that its mandarine must be

ernments, notably the Russians, on human rights. It became quickly apparent that although taking human rights seriously had some beneficial effects in

nad some penencial enects in other ways it was a disaster. That disaster was not just a result of misunderstanding Russians. It was a result also of the President's strong seems of his own infallibility. of his own infallibility.

Mr Carter examines powers of the presidency, and its ability to sway events. The central criticism of the Carter presidency is there.

ficult for him to grasp how anyone can disagree with so strangers, that he is too sure obviously correct a solution of his own abilities and that the has produced after therefore he tries to do every such long labour. He really thing himself. The best manager to reach the White House were equitable, to both sides since Hoover is turning out to and, was astomished when the about manager.

be a bad manager.

He is irfluenced, partly, by memories of the Nixon White Israelis and their friends here House, in which business was organized with Teutonic efficiency by H. R. Heideman and John Erlichman. Things are that they guarantee peace for different today: Mr Carter everyone and are thorougsees far more people, reads far houghly consistent with the

sees far more people, reads far more pieces of paper and falls steadily behind in his work. He finally conceded last week that his tax reform programme, on which he has worked intensively, will not be ready until next year. It was promised for last June.

The President's most glaring failure so far has been his mistakes and from failure so far has been his mistakes and from relations with Congress. He won the election as an outsider, promising to come to washington to clean up the might solve the energy criefs. duestion.

If the President, as some of his friends claim, is now changing his habits, is learning from his mistakes and from the trank and forceful comments of the city of Washington he may wet turn into at ton, he may yet turn into at outstanding President. He might solve the energy crists, bring peace to the Middle East, balance the budget and bring competence and

> ment.
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> If he has learnt from his will have past misrakes, he will have seven years in which to achieve all this. If not he will probably have to rely on the traditional death-wish of the Republicans to ensure his re-election.

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Patrick Brogan

# Bernard Levin, the tapes, and the question of privacy

ment on the issues raised by need? ment on the issues raised by the resignation of Sir Richard Dobson. And it was just as Marxists or socialists are hostinevitable that he would use the occasion to unleast a teaction of leader-writers and demagogic diatribe against his favourite enemy: the Marxist press could, however, have left. In that sense his column in The Times (October 25), was given one that impression. The greaterity and residue that the residue of racism was dispended to be a supported to the column of the colum

There is at the present time a rising tide of racism in this country. The National Union of Journalists (to which both Levin and I belong) has racognized this fact has been stated. nized this fact by inserting an anti-racist clause in its Code of

It was, I suppose, inevitable one have to be a Marxist to attack on Mr Cooper and that Bernard Levin would com- realize that this an urgent myself. Of course when it comes to South Africa, Bernard Levin is fearless, but he remains, in general, silent on racism in Britain. His hatred of everyting to the left of Roy Jenkins is obsession. The left is endlessly lambasted. The main chant of the fascists is: "If they're black, send them back. If they're Red shoot them

in The Times (October 25), was predictable. The vulgarity and philistinism contained in his attack was, however, somewhat aven for a columiate of the colour part of nist with Levin's prejudices.

What were the central issues possed by the publication in Socialist Challenge of Sir Richard's speech? In our opinion they were racism and the corrupt and undemocratic structures of nationalized in himself attempted to put the nicest possible gloss on Sir Richard's offending words: "Of course Sir Richard did not intend a racial slur when he used the opinion they were racism and the corrupt and undemocratic structures of nationalized in he thought privately..."

dustries. In any event, the question of "privacy" was not cesses could decipher what Sir central. Even if it had been, Richard actually intended if the statement by Sir Richard defending his speech should have removed it from the course, nonsense. Peter Cooper that the point when he said of nationalized in- he thought privately.... was to the point when he said that from his own experience

he knew that businessmen tended to be really honest only in the company of their peers. Their public remarks are mediated through a battery of public relations experts and friendly journalists. Yet these anti-racist clause in its code of public relations experts and Conduct and pursuing an friendly journalists. Yet these scrive policy against rucism in the media. Was it, then, too much to hope that the Dobson speech would be used to wage a vigorous campaign against world. Levin, with acres of racism in British industry? To discuss both why it existed and disposal every weeks, chooses to make a vigorative personal how it was it best fought? Does make a vituperative personal

If Bernard Levin were to visit some of the more disprived areas of the Midlands, the north-east or London, ha would be able to get a smell of Weimar in the air. The pace of polarization is remarkable, it is a depressing and, for most black people, a frightening period. To label thuse who are intervening in these areas to fight against racism as "fun-revolutionaries" or part of the "radical chic set" is simply grotesque. It is not "fun" to get threats against one's life or least on the branch committee.

Peter Cooper taped a speech made by a prominent industrialist at a club which announced him on the menu as the main speaker. He gave Socialist Challenge that speech after debating with his constitute of the science for a week. Levin distinct this fact. Why? Because in his world all Marxists are demons and monsters. They have no soul, no humanity, no culture, no sense of humour. What a travesty! If Bernard Levin were to sit some of the more The Why When, Where and How

If they're Red shoot them dead." But even when Levin

criticizes the facists he is careful to equate them with those whom they seek to vic-

is why we argue that a broad and tharp campaign against racism is necessary on every front. That is why Peter Cooper finally decided to give us the tape, it was not an easy choice for Peter, despits all Levin's sneers, but it was a necessary and convergences one

But double-standards know But double-standards know no bounds. And Bernard Levin is the Prince of Hypocrisy. Where was "privacy" when the entire national press was "exposing" Tony Kelly for daring to say that Reg Prentice was a Tory who should not be reselected as the Labour candidate for Newham Northeasts.

those waves in the control of the co ards. Given the accompanying racy on every level are consis-mass depoliticization, the racist tently attacked, not least in mass depoliticization, the racist solution has gained some credibility. There are two million black people in this country. There are also nearly two million unemployed. The answer for simple minds is obvious. Get rid of the first and you will get rid of the second. Levin's own union's London Freelance Branch, where our democratic columnist drafted and proposed a Draconian, 10-page set of standing orders which would have ended debate and placed all power in the hands of his right-wing colleagues on the branch commit-

get threats against one's life or Mr Cooper hesitated precisely to see the homes of socialists because of his relationship attacked with fire-bombs. That with his parents. It was the

61t's really good to see

which finally clinched the matter for him. And he was right.
He deserves 10 marks out of
10 for initiative and courage.
Mr Levin refers to this as
"weedy treachery". What he
thinks of the fact that not a
single member of the Twenty
Club has dissociated himself
from the Club's "sincere apology" to Sir Richard Dobson is
not known. Presumably that is not known. Presumably that is "honour à la Levin. Coming from a columnst who defended Nixon during the early stages of Watergate, I suppose we shouldn't be not surprised.

Levin's personal attacks on Levin's personal attacks on Peter Cooper and me are both scurrilous and uncue. They reveal more of the political psychology of their author than all his high-counding phreses and moral posturing. What is, however, of far greater importance is his constant and christens denigration and carsiconsistent denigration

caturing of Marxism. In his carefully cultivated In his carefully cultivated ignorance, Levin descends to the level of the philistines whom he professes to despise so much. He writes that Peter Cooper (and by implication all Marxists) would regard Shake-speare as "a capitalist lackey and fascist lick-spittle". But which Marxists use such language about anyone, not to mention geniuses like Shake-speare or Mazart? We constituted. speare or Mozart? We certainly don't!

In fact, Levin knows perfectly well that I am a Trouskyist. He should know that one of the merits of Trotsky lay precisely in the fact that he foresaw the rise of Nazism before both social democrats and the supporters of Joseph Stalin. He opposed the crimes of Stalinism four decades of Stalinism four decades before Solzhenitsyn—an oppo-sition which cost him his life. Levin knows that there are

in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and Chine. A number of them are in prison. We support the democratic rights of all oppositionists (Marxist and non-Marxist) in these counaries. Even a cursory glance at our journal Labour Focus on Eastern Europe provides the evidence for this assertion.

Bur even here Levin is onesided. He tends to defend the
most reactionary dissidents.
Those who would like to restore capitalism.
In conclusion we would like
to return to the question of
"privacy". What is private.
and public in 'this society?'
Which newspapers regularly
publish detils of the real private lives of thousands and
thousands of people. We are
not referring to cases of rape
or battered wives, but to
accesse of space given to
divorce cases, sexual preferences, etc. It is certainly not
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Socialist Challenge or the leftwing press.
But the same newspapers

But the same newspapers become self-tighteous when we reveal details of racism and corruption in public life. The fate of thousands of workers is a "private" question. "Bribing wogs" is a private question. How dationalized industries are run is a "private" question.

It is a strange and topsy-turvy society where what should be private is made pub-lic and what should be public is kept private. Peter Cooper defied these hypocritical values. Bernard Levin subjected him to abuse. At the very least he should engage in a political debate and try to keep his "immeasurable neuro-tic dread" of Marxism within

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The facts and the fiction on Paul Scott

If the novelist Paul Scott wins this year's £5,000 Booker Prize, Britain's largest award for fiction—and it will be criminal if he doesn't—it will be most unlikely that he will attend the prizegiving dinner at Claridges on November 23.

Mr. Scott who is 56 went to

on November 23.

Mr Scott, who is 56, went to the United States in July, as a visiting lecturer at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma. Last month, he was taken seri-ously ill and rushed to St Francis Hospital where he is now recovering from a major

His competition on this year's Booker shortlist indicates that it has not been a viotage year for British fiction. It is hard to imagine the judges choosing Paul Bailey, Caroline Black-wood, Jennifer Johnston, Pene-lope Lively or Barbara Pym in preference to Mr Scott. His novel, Staying On, which is about the Britons who remained in India after partition, was treeted with universal enthusiasm by the critics on its pub-

The sward would be pecuniary recognition for Mr Scott not before time. He has published 13 novels, but although highly praised, particularly for his four novels known as The Raj Quartet, he has never reached the best-seller lists.

Bargain of the week, as advertised in the Wisbech Standard: "Pony's saddle 16in, complete with bride, £36."



Crossed lines No sooner has Sir William Bar-

low taken over as chairman of the Post Office but the lines the Post Office but the lues have got crossed. A correcting message from the Press Association reads, in part:

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His master's voice, on TV

I was going to begin this item with a dissertation on Tiger Tim who, as anyone over the age of 40 knows, once graced the multi-hued pages of his own weekly comic. Instead, I yield pride of place to Snoopy, an animal of more recent time who, as everyone over the age of six knows, graces a cartoon strip called Peanurs.

The reason I give precedence to the doleful beagle in Charles Schulz's wise and wonderful cartoons is that yesterday I attended a preview of a BBC TV film in which Mr Schulz gives a rare interview. He pre-fers to let his creations— Snoopy, Charlie Brown et al—

It comes as no surprise to learn that Mr Schulz is a deeply religious man, though no formal Christian. God does not like being worshipped, he thinks; He would rather see man loving his fellow man. In a word, the Snoopy and Charlie Brown ethos.

speak for him.

Much nonsense is talked by highbrows about the cosmic-philosophy underlying Peanuts.

I just deal with minor everyday problems ", says Mr Schulz. "Tolstoy dealt with the main ones."

main ones."

The film goes out on BBC 1, Sunday night, 10.25 pm.

As for Tiger Tim, a superbly coloured facsimile of his August 8, 1931, adventures appears in a bumper comic collection—15 different comics in all—published by W. Howard Baker at 58. Baker at 58.

Getting back in the Euro-swing

Those of you who miss the presence of Lord George-Brown in domestic politics will be glad old friend, in spire of Dick to learn that (while he may be lost to the Labour Party) he is certainly not lost to the European cause. Indeed, he is taking his future in Europe quite as seriously as that other Euroscialist, Willy Brandt. Both statesmen may have fallen from grace in their respective, domesgrace in their respective, domes-tic settings, but the European ideal remains close to their

self into the melting pot of the were even elected to West-European Assembly when he minster, there seems to be a attends the plenary session in distressing residue of ani-Strasbourg in two weeks' time.

All systems red Have you been experiencing wonderful sonse of deja vu You know, shaving in cold water by the light of a flickering candle while the power workers "go slow" and the miners threaten to bring the

Government (and the country) to its knees? I have. It is, if you recall exactly like the you recall exactly like the winter of 1973.
Only then, the anti-Heath press carried stories of elderly spinsters gesting stuck in lift shafts and having to be saved by rough mechanics. Now the press reports no such disasters; even though (as I drove to the office yesterday morning) every was stick at red (what

when they are asked (mis-chievously) whether they feel that Lord George is entitled to their support. Socialist memories are clearly elephan-To wit, Lord George (as I memories are clearly elephan-like to call him) for the first time and although the "affair time since his departure from Brown" took place long before Westminster is to throw him-some of the Labour delegates

mosity towards the noble Lord.

gill on television saving that the miners did not bring down "They brought themselves down", he said. With such impeccable logic, how can we

Then there was Arthur Scar-Hearh Administration. deny the miners a palmy £135 per week?

Computer men have their own special language, so I was not amazed by the reply I got when I asked one of them what they did when there is a power cut. "We quiesce the system and busy out the lines", he replied But what did it mean?

Only just in

busy control

"To quiesce the system" apparently means gradually to reduce the load on the computer. "Busying out the lines" consists of "fixing" the telephone line terminal so that cash tomers needing a direct link with the computer receive a signal indicating that the computer is fully occupied. I am assured that a sudden unexpected break in electricity

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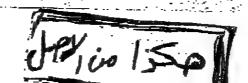
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are buzzing with nervous opera-tors anxiously watching their control panels. Overheard on the Gatwick airport public address system: "Would Mr Francis Drake, passenger to the USA, please

come to the airport information

supply can cause a lot of trouble, so the computer centres

"I hope the press aren't here", said Jayre Grenfell, jesterday, peering antionsly over her specs. What was she about to say that we were going to misinterpret? It was only that she thought small was beautiful because it took longer to get modey in an American hank than a British. She was proposing the adoption of the accounts of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution annual meeting. What warried her was that the last time she made world news was when she told a Women of the Year lunch that it was ince for a woman to remove certain constricting garments at the end of the day. It fizzed round the globe under the headline: "Happiness is taking off your girdle."



After more than eight almost continuous years of terrorism, the political problems of Northern Ireland remain stubbornly unsolved. But in recent months a new optimism has been discernible in the tone of ministerial speeches and less of the normal despondency and tension has been visible among

This is largely the result May, leading to humiliation tutional convention collapsed of a meakening in the Proxi- for its extremist leaders, and 19 womens ago in the Government should RA and a marked a considerable boost for the

sional IKA and a marked a considerable boost for the reduction in the violent Royal Ulster Constabulary, remains committed to the activities of the scape or a five thousand strong force concept of power sharing more of Protestant parameters of the scape of a five thousand strong force concept of power sharing more of showing partiality barder line Protestant parameters of the first nine months of this year, 100 people met violent deaths compared with 232 during the same period last year.

The detailed records of Provisional IRA to live up illusioned leadership has

period last year.

The detailed records of terrorist, violence accurately reflect the more relaxed atmosphere now to be encountered at most levels of Northern Ireland society. The bopefulness is cautious in the extreme, heavily hedged about with clauses and conditions, but it is there all the same.

The only violent activity on the increase is "kneed capping". This savage form of punishment is practised with grisly enthusiasm by extremists on both sides of the scenarioal divide. But inferral divisions within the IRA are regarded by detectives as the main reason why this year's total already exceeds 100—with many of the victims mained for life.

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# Investment as a means to peace

It is a limbe over a year ago that Mr Roy Mason, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, in absence of any marked progress towards a solution to the province's problems, launched an attack on the economic ills of the region. His reasoning was that poverty, unemployment and frustration at the hopelessness of the future provided a breating ground for violence.

by Ronald Kershaw

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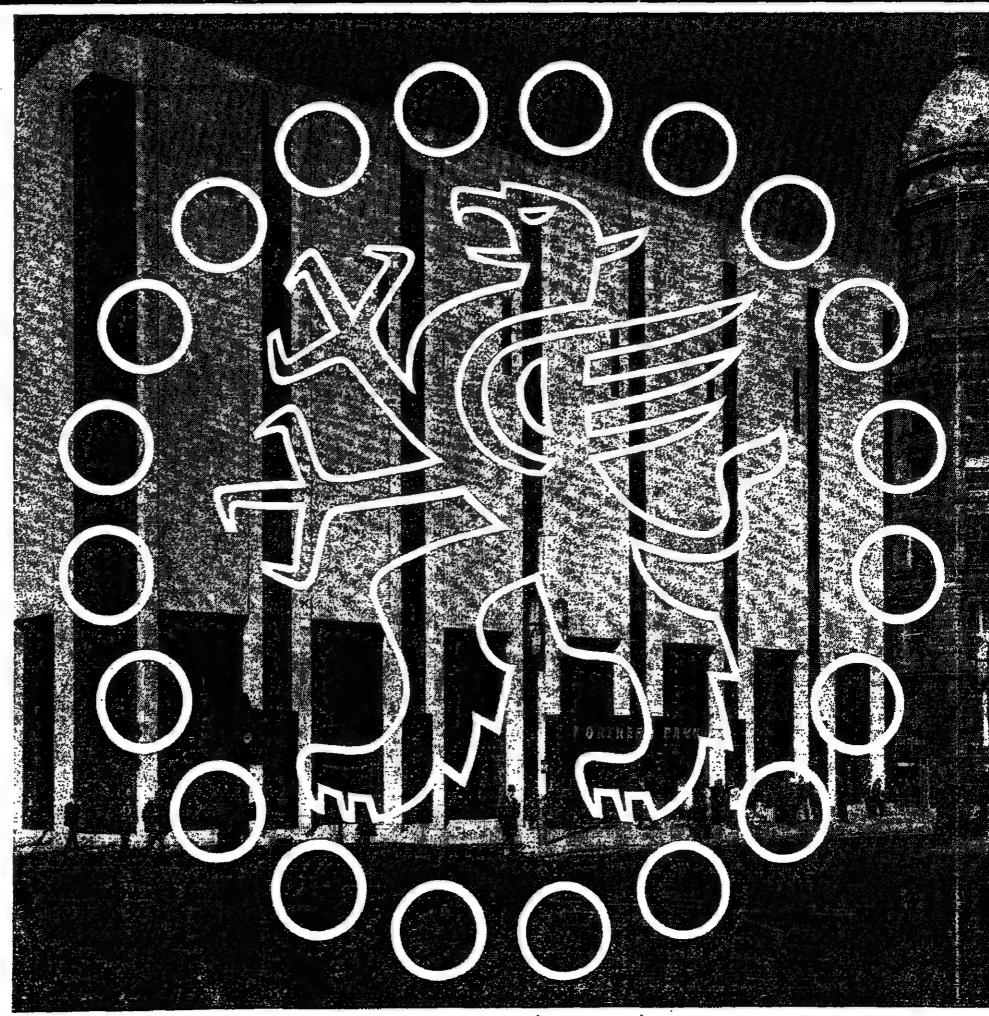


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# Call from the minister: hard facts will win over myths



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is of a place in shambles, the occasional act of and as our true value as a Those who visit the province violence, but overall the picbase for profitable invest-know that to be a totally ture is vastly improved.

Throughout the

Roy Mason

# Ill wind has promoted growth

by Robert Rodwell

partly from some aspect of security.

The Government pays at particular risk, such as decarring the land would put a substantial number of people out of work. "Security" in the staff it employs the province's few growth industries in this decade.

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Now costing about £4.5m a remaining cinemas including their livelihoods.

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# The 'Protestant' whiskey with ecumenical appeal

coopers to look after and restore its whiskey casks.

Old Bushmills stands in tranquil surroundings, drawing its water from St. Columb's Rill, a tributary of the river Bush, which runs past it. The distillery is set in a village of 1,200 inhabitional Irish round tower.

Only three miles away is the Giart's Causeway and unspoilt beauty of the north Antrim coast. It is unspoilt largely through lack of tour ist development: surprisingly few visitors venture to the causeway, a geological forward in the content of the causeway and the causeway, a geological forward in the causeway and the causeway, a geological forward in the causeway and t



The still room at Old Bushmills distillery, one of the world's oldest.

#### Investment as a means to peace

Freedom of action

behind success

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borrowing to finance major projects and that meant heavy interest charges.

The Northern Ireland Department of Commerce was subscribed four minion

by Ronald Kershaw

To the Northern Irish one of the most perplexing riddles must be how anybody with an andicum of industrial or commercial enterprise, after examining the varied array of grants, NIDA may help an possibly afford to stay out of Northern Irishad. To the outsider the wonder is why anybody with eny ability in lindustry or company to speed developing anybody with eny ability in lindustry or company to speed developing anybody with eny ability in lindustry or company to speed developing anybody with eny ability in lindustry or company to speed developing offered by the Northern Irishad. To the company to speed developing the province.

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Ireland Development Agency (MIDA), is not in business the province.

NIDA came into being in May of last year. Its fore-trumer, the Northern Ireland Finance Association was started in 1971 with the job of creating new industry and rescuing companies in danger of closing. Unformment of labour is to hand, NIDA must be unique in able tabour is to hand, NIDA must be unique in the state role.

The political difficulties of Northern Ireland were found to have a profound effect on service, industry, leaving most withouthed. It was a profound effect on service, industry, leaving industry at tronic equipment; if has been done and appliances, becycles and electrical to part the United Structural machinery, meet to find an organization with 150m to spend, most unfouched. It was a profound effect on service, industry, leaving industry at tronic equipment; if has been concerned with the expanse of contention with 150m to spend, maked to have a profound effect of service, industry, leaving industry at tronic equipment; if has been concerned with the expanse of politicians and manufacturing industry the sounded and the Northern Irefland Development Agency started with a shming new image and a determination marketing opportunities and intention of the same in the leave of the former of



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# Life goes on under siege

Anybody who has the idea that because of the troubles of the troubles of the troubles. The sort of economic desert can forget it. Trade and industry are very much alive and licking in the province. Those were the words of Mr Don Concannon Minister of State that Northern Ireland of the province. Those were the words of Mr Don Concannon Minister of State that Northern Ireland of the province with responsibility for commerce and manpowers are wiseles and in the 10-year period to 1975 the percentromy services, when he visited significant he increase was the same shreefield earlier this year and rising at the beginning of a trade increase was the same shoulder observation of the past few months trade missions. Mr Concannon accompanied to Saudi Arabia earlier this worth responsibility for commerce and manpowers and manpowers of the British at the beginning of a trade increase was the same shoulder observation of the past few months trade missions have been organized to the Mid-Mr Concannon and his collegues are secting a pace of the shoulder observation and Mr Concannon accompanied to the Mid-Mr Concannon accompanied to the Mr Concannon accompanied to the Mid-Mr Concannon accompanied to the Mr Concannon accompanied to the Mr

shoulder observation and been organized to the MidMr Concamon never disappoints. In spearheading promotional operations the minister finds his initial and greatest difficulty is to pergreatest difficulty is to persuade people that Belfast is not a modern version of group with a turnover of Dodge City. People visiting the province for the first time never cease to be amazed at the degree of normality they find there.

The Department of Commerce, the merce, the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce, the increase of the merce, the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce, the manufacturers do not expect their goods to be bought our of public sympathy, Mr Concamon says. They must stand or fall on quality and their place in the league table of prices. Orders are firms. But more than that they are an important continuous in area with its own special normality they find there merce, the Northern Ireland They envisage a community Chamber of Commerce, the moder siege, but find to a Northern Ireland Agricultermarkable extent that the tural Trust, the British Overpeople of the province go seas Trade Board as well as about their work and play companies in their own term much as people in any right are promoting and sell-other community in Great ing as though their lives

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# Stagnant UK economy blunts **EEC** benefits

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based on market returns.

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Since joining the Community Northern Ireland has lost the North American grain

smiles are being worn by the fruit growers in Armagh and south Tyrone. They escaped the biossom-time frosts which decimated this year's English apple crop. As a result there has been a rush of English buyers for apples to put into store.

More than half of Northern Ireland's 33,000 farms are less than viable one-man businesses, whose owners combine farm-ing with a second job or are otherwise retired. A series of radical land Acts between 1870 and 1925 broke up the big estates and produced virtually 100 per cent owner-occupancy of Irish farmland, With normal land erting precluded, the conacre system evolved under which the elderly, widows or others not wishing actively to farm, rent their land sessonally to neighbours. Still widely used, the system permits farmers to expand their own holdings, to use high capacity machinery economically, and injects some flexibility into an otherwise rigid system of land tenure.

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# Glass cuts unemployment

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whiskey glasses it has ever ment at one of the 14 Gov-hold.

The purpose of this homily is not to observe the niceties of entertainment at Stormont Castle, or that Mr place them. Many units have thing when he sees one, but to draw attention to one of about five years ago.

Northern Ireland's success stories in manpower. Two companies, Tyrone Crystal and Ulster Crystal (the products of both are to be brackets on Fifth Avenue) owe their early beginnings to the same concept of a scheme unique to Northern Ireland — the Integrated Workforce Unit.

This is provided by the Manpower Entrices Departing at Andersons-lished the firm at Andersons-difficult areas of Belfest.

Another major initiative in training aimed at youth unemployment was amounted in training aimed at youth unemployment was amounted in the Fifth Scheme started of in June, the Youth Opportunities Programme. There were already 4,000 training and employment places for young people in Start while it is founded on engineering the concept of the same concept of a scheme unique to Northern Ireland — the Integrated Workforce Unit.

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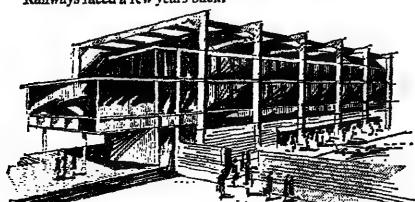
lished the firm at Andersons-town, one of the most difficult areas of Belfest.

# When you invest around £20 million in creating an integrated railway system, you've got to be pretty sure

Obviously most people living outside Northern Ireland have little knowledge of all the different towns and districts apart from Belfast and Londonderry.

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This is just one of the many 'through connection' advantages now available via Central Station. And it's shortly to be joined by another new link which will mean better 'straight through' travel for people going to and from Londonderry.

It's all part of our plan to create easier, smoother train travel for the people of Ulster: another part of the new system, Citytrack, has meant better, more direct commuting for people in -

and around Belfast.

And the building of a new station at Botanic, near Belfast's Queen's University, means this important commercial and academic area now has its own train service.

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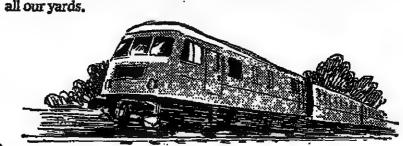
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And, since the introduction. of new rolling stock has been another feature of our investment plan, by early 1978, whatever train the businessman travels on will either be brand new or

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parcel despatched in Great Britain is available for collection over here the following morning. And an agreement between us and the railways of The Republic of Ireland has established a Cross Border Freight Service with greatly increased freight facilities at



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# Financial confidence feeds on economic progress

by Ronald Pullen

Northern Ireland's history of civil disorder for the past nine years is just the kind might have been expected

have led to disaster.

Even the most cursory look at Northern Ireland's commercial life shows that neither has happened. But there is no gainsaying the fact that security problems there have been a serious handicap to the development of banking and insurance, especially in the early 1970s when the number of incidents was especially high.

Resilience is one of the words you hear continually had to move in Northern Ireland, and in Northern Ireland, and in Northern Ireland, and in Northern Ireland, and in the serior of the same can be made in Northern Ireland, and in surance where the companies have when the round insurance where the companies have when the main Northern Ireland in Northern Ireland, and in surance where the companies have when the main Northern Ireland in Northern Ireland in Northern Ireland, and in surance where the companies have when the main Northern Ireland in Northern Irela

some business leaders in the of England figures, advances Indeed, some bankers say serious problem for the can take some time in being province, than that violence by Northern Ireland banks that because they feel social banks, especially the pospaid, the system works with and disorder have become rose by a half in £451m in obligations they may now sible abduction of branch a good deal less fuss than so institutionalized that the 18 months to May, take on lenders who would managers. But after a bad might be expected and often Without the stable backdrop so institutionalized that the 18 months to May, take on lenders who would managers. But after a bad might be expected and often banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the the insurance companies pay to be able to assess risks and banks, insurance companies, roughly three times faster have got short shrift in patch in the early 1970s the three times are the companies and the companies are the companies are the companies and t

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Undoubtedly, too, the London concerns as Bowring banks have been nervous and Willis Faber & Dumas, about extending their branch lies in placing business in networks in rural areas in have shunned the Northern tive sectors like agriculture of the United States banks chief general manager of the United Kingdom.

Officially, the Northern national groups like Dupont in charge of the important mercial Union are unlikely.

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hanks themselves few areas is this more relevant than in banking and insurance where the common case when much of the panies have come to terms industry there consists of banks tying their base rates with the difficult working outposts of the big multiple to the London clearers, conditions. Moreover, over national groups which returned the past year or so, a new-found confidence appears to vanced financial sector about its longer term future.

Part of the reason for this turn of events may be has made good progress. Particularly vulnerable locations.

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to be able to assess risks and quantify uncertainty with at least a reasonable degree of live with the difficulties but live with the difficulties but large developed a frame-banking and insurance industries between excessive caution and imprudence stands in danger of being the large developed as figures stands in danger of being the large developed as figures some slowing. But the united to banks the bank the london clearing than the London clearing earlier times.

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The insurance industry has survived the difficult markably well", in the words of one leading broker. Undoubtedly the worst problems have been eased by the Northern Ireland Criminal Injuries Act which pays for f a terrorist attack. Injury to people and damage The author is Banking Cor-Staff security still poses a to property. Although claims respondent, The Times.

because cars tend to be studen for use as barricades in riots. So far only one group—the Cloverleaf subsidiary of the United States Sentry group—has actually pulled out of Northern Ireland, mainly because it was bearily invalid in the

# Educationists draw up their battle-lines

by Diana Geddes

Library Board, roughly Northern Ireland's grammar schools are probably even more historical than the province: "Like might prove more difficult to uproot. Unlike England, and they ing to see what happens", he province has hardly any ing to see what happens he rand whose children fail the seems to be working fairly library does not seem to be working terribly well."

While examination results should and their children to the grammar schools, the grammar schools of their water, does not seem to be working terribly well."

While examination results should and half Protestant, he quality of education, it are technically fee-paying to substantial than the local church, be grammar to substantial to the grammar school on the state on conditions that the transferors, and related difficulty of representation on the school backed by the movement, is

pondent in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland is watching closely the vicissitudes of comprehensive reorganission in Eogland and Wales.

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Church all over the world has always wented to edu-cate its own children. In Northern Ireland it does not seem to mind too much about series or to colleges of fur-ther and higher education. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry, the Most Rev Dr Edward Daly, said earlier this year: "As bishop of this directs are affected." diocese any effort to take over our schools will be re-

Lord Meichett, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, with responsibility for education and youth, might feel he has enough on his hands in trying to coar through comprehensive reorganization without trying to take on the Roman Cambric hierarchy as well. He has trade it clear that while the Government is in favour of integration, it feels that it is gration, it feels that it is not essential to reorganiza-tion and has no intention of

Among five working par-ties set up by Lord Melchert to examine the question of one specifically on the par-ticipation of the voluntary schools which include the Catholic maintained schools will look at the composition of school governing bodies. A third will study the curriculum, which is also sensitive, for Cambries. A sitive, for Carbolics. A fourth is examining the The author is Education

different types and sizes. That insistence on making local decisions may be mis-leading for English readers familiar with the large degree of autonomy enjoyed local education authori

eight education committees under the Education and Libraries Order in 1972, are financed wholly by the Department of Education and all their expenditure is subover one schools will be resisted by me and I hope will have the support of the vest majority of the people in the diocess."

The diocess of the people in the department's approval.

treading cautiously. Consul-tations of all kinds are going on and no deadlines have been set. Lord Melchert talks soothingly of change taking place through evoluting reorganization right was ir quickly.

would be undesirable process to be drawn out for an unnecessarily lengthy period of time". If the area boards drag their feet too much, the whip is close at hand, unlike the position in

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The imaginative scheme, of the province which has throughour the province remained unscathed, and of the province indicative of recent improves the past eight violent years knows, one of the most in security, is the restrictions asked by friends and acquaintances on return visits home is always: "How do you stick it?"

The answer probably lies in admiration for the resilience and humour of the local people combined with fascination, verging on addiction for their seemingly amsolubile problems. But in addition their seemingly amsolubile to be undersooned they have not experienced the owners point out that aspects of Ulster's life and environment which remain attractive and quite distinctive from those in the rest in 1974.

Hotels have suffered consulted a short and deliberately subjective firm the elaces and fast Europa, which has been like the province which constinues to make any which continues to make any which and of difficulties often emphasize the lack of traffic and felthe answer probably lies in degree of the peace in the resting the peace and bumour of the local seathere are many different aspects of Ulster's life and environment which remain attractive and quite distinctive from those in the rest are since the restaurant moved of Britain. To assist any potential visitor who may only have heard the worst, and the peace a

Tullymore Forest Park at Newcastle. dropped in recent years, now well under vay to retropical vegetation of co
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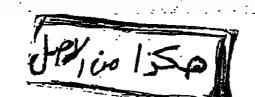
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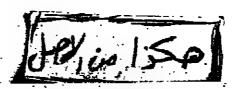
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in the centre of the city is the Linearish Library, Town Hall, providing re-laxed reading rooms, a wealth of local and national periodicals, and the atmos-phere of a London club which has known slightly





# Security forces may be getting the upper hand

by Henry Stanhope

In the autumn of 1974 a colonel in Belfast told me that he thought that the war against the IRA would be over by Christmas of that year. It was not an entirely rash boast in view of the jerky progress which bid rade since Operation. Motorman in the summer of 1972 towards the restoration of law and order in the Six Counties. But it is worth quoting here as a coutionary

It is worth quoting now particularly because the security forces, after three more years of difficult and dangerous operations are once more in a position from which to icy the future with some confidence. No one u. Belfast will subscribe anything more heady after a difficult year last year, more recent statistics show a rising level of attri-

tion against the gummen.

The pattern is not an even one. The number of explosions in the province until September 30 was only 204 same period in 1976, and the rotal of shooting incidents stood of shooting incidents stood as siege warfare in city by the IRA—or anyone else—had actually risen. As many as 179 had been successfully used, against 108 during the first nine months of 1976, and 222 had been nuclearly as the sessoned Ulster came of 1976, and 222 had been nuclearly as the sessoned Ulster came of 1976, and 222 had been successfully used, against 108 last year.

More soldiers have been killedy to detect the most likely to detect the army (13 against 10 last.

More soldiers have been killed this year, both in the Army (13 against 10 last year) and the Ulster Defence Regiment (12 against eight). And 14 policemen have died —five fewer than in the same period last year, but same period last year, but not in itself a very signifi-

very filmsy base for firm conclusions, they do suggest a continuing deckine in the level of violence. The switch in emphasis from the large car bomb explosions to in-cendiaries, which are smaller, cheaper and easier to conceal, reflects the con-straints under which the terrorists must now be operating.



Public relations, army-style, in a Belfast street.

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front line of the bartle for for law and order has been law and order is not particularly new in inself. Nor is it down operation. There have by any means complets.

The day when a police also setbacks—notably the patrol can move on foot 1975 ceasefire which allowed through some of the hard treed forces. But gradually without a protecting ring of armed troops is still very made life increasingly diffi-

department has, for example, been reorganized, with regional crime squads and a new intelligence section, and an increase in the number of anti-

On the other hand againthe toll among civilians s down from 201 to title which enshrines the splintstic provide only a replacing the replaced of the police in the police in the replaced of the police in the police in the replaced of the police in the down operation. There have been sudden advances and inhibitions.

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Some rapport local people

of the areas they have covered. They have also established some sort of rap-

with the aims of the ists. The peace movement has been significant not so much because of its achievecaus in the United States is thought to have been considerable—es because what it has represented With signs of a genera

desire now for a gradual return to normality, the re-grouped police force should be able to take fixmer conthe hard-line eress.

There are 14,000 soldiers in Northern Ireland, including an estimated 50 m 80 members of the Special Air Service. Much as the Army would like to reduce this force as the farm service.

The author is Defence Cor-respondent, The Times.

# Social services are under restraint

by Pat Healy

Northern Ireland has had more than its fair share of

tion of its population, with poverty, poor housing, educational disadvantage and memolovment present and memolovment present and present and present and present and present and present after to develop in 1973 from a much lower base than in Britain which had already enjoyed two years of fast development after to develop in 1973 from a much lower base than in present and present after the present and present and

Kingdom.

Paradoxically, the troubles bave helped even though they have brought new problems with families uproored from their former homes, children brought up in an atmosphere of violence at least in the large took and elderly people with drawing more into them.

Ireland that money is not a real obstacle to developing services, the rate of growth has been slowed by the gendiure.

That is regrettable when Northern Ireland is clearly beind Britain is some of its social services, particularly drawing more into them.

social services boards, and are maintaining a higher growth rate than is possible in Brtain. Though subject to

orities are having to keep to Beliast, Londonderry and sionals to the idea that chila maximum 2 per cens Strabane with almost no dren in trouble should be growth, and even that has officially approved minders treated rather than punished

before the present troubles spending, in Northern Ireland the personal social services have a guaranteed insecurity to young and old insecurity to young and the personal social services in playgroups does not fall young insecu been endangered by over to turn to.

cational disadvantage and velopment after reorganiza-memployment present to a tion. And, in spite of the much larger degree than widespread view in Northern anywhere else in the United Kingdom.

and elderly people with drawing more into themselves.

The troubles have had the effect of focusing attention and the degree of economic deprivation in Northern Ireland, which is arguably so high as to be intolerable even in a "peaceful" society.

A direct result is that the statingty social services are administered regionally, through combined health and social services boards, and are maintaining a higher to children.

There are only four day nurseries for children under five in Northern Ireland, properties in Northern Ireland, called for ideas to achieve rapid progress, and a month earlier the Black commutate published a consultative document on legislation and services for children in fire and services for children and services for children.

discussion paper on the under-fives in which he called for ideas to achieve

the need.

The number of registered much more likely to end up childminders is also well being sent away from home. Comments on the Black minders tend to be concentreport are still being sought, The Times.

in Northern Ireland as has trated in the better areas, but there is now a much ppened in Britain. leaving the overcrowded greater commitment among While British local auth- and deprived centres of Northern Ireland profes-

ing for under-fives is in boys would have gone to a education, not social ser-residential assessment

education, not social services. Nearly twice as many children start school at four homes; now they are attending northern Ireland as in England.

Both the plight of the under-fives, particularly in the inner city areas, and the recognition that treatment of the white white inner city areas, and the recognition that treatment of the start social services.

recognition that treatment for children in trouble needs overhaul have led to recent government initiatives. In July, Lord Melchett, Minister of State, published a discussion paper on the state of the low wages prevalent there, of the total social security budget of the United King dom than its population would indicate.

But, alone in the United Kingdom, social security claimants can have their benefits unilaterally reduced to pay for public debts like

# One of the most engaging of the many statistical calculations provided for journalists visiting Northern Ireland is that there is one foot of fish for every three feet of water. Whatever one's particular bent in the wide scope of fishing as a recommendation of the inland waters about £2.50 for two weeks trolled conditions since a new been controlled by the Department of Agriculture for the past 10 years and about £2.50 for two weeks trolled conditions since a new beautiful to accompanying rod for it on the Continent, Edit rapping has always been a small but important feature of the Northern Ireland season. The department was Because the densirement of the Northern Ireland economy.

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waters can be fished by ture permit costs 50p a year arrangement for about £6 a and a rod licence 70p. season. The department was Because the department ack-charged under a 1966 Act nowledges these boys—and many girls—love fishing but with "acquiring and developing inland waters in Northern Ireland for angling".

There are still some so without permits, naturally

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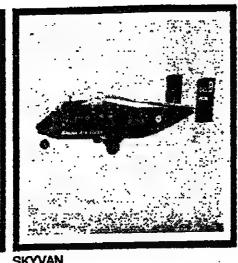
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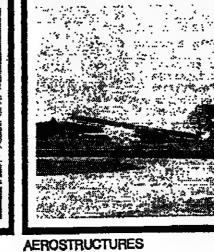
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by Alan Watson

Aldergrove airport, operate three choices.
as limited subsidiary come One is the It is not easy for public transport to make a profit in Northern Ireland. The inancial performance of the bus companies reflects a con-siderable achievement for a service faced with hard times

Citybus, which runs a service in Belfast lost about 20 per cent of its fleet in the year up to last April. Nearly 70 buses went up in smoke. Compensation for 2 loss like that cannot hope to match the purchase price of new vehicles and yet for the first time since the company took over from the old Belfast Corporation transport department four years ago it made a pre-tax profit.

Beyond the city boundary Ulsterbus, a sister company, managed to complete a decade of trading in which it consistently made a surplus, something rare in public transport in the United

Mr Derek Cheatley, chief executive of the Transport Holding Co, estimates that the taxis are taking more than £1m a year on three main routes, which include the strongly republican Falls Road and the loyalist Shankhill Road. More than 120 buses were destroyed in 1976-77, placing a great burden on a hard-pressed management and bringing staff face-to-face with violence

Northern Ireland Railways is still losing money, but it has been building for the future with the introduction of a new central Belfast line connecting major commuter services, and with the open-ing of the new Belfast Cen-tral Station.

The company is now fight-ing for a further link between that new station and the line to Larne, co Antrim, a move which would connect a move which would connect the entire network. It would involve a new reilway bridge over the River Lagan and

The transport inquiry re-

well as the railways and has presented Belfast with on their o

Aidergrove airport, operate three choices.

One is that resources a recent boost to freight should be concentrated on the life and transport. Holding public transport; another takes the opposite expressed in his Airways Cargo. Mr are review of the last trading public sector their style is and lays the emphasis on that of private enterprise. In building roads. The departance are review of the last trading path by backing the third more vulnerable consigning their performance as a new road bridge over the want to move in a hurry.

Another side-effect of city and an inner ring road befast to Glasgow are now per cent of Belfast's bus provement in public transport; another can be services has come from British Airways Cargo. Mr Max Walker, its Northern Ireland manager, has found a heading of the smaller and more vulnerable consignment which manufacturers want to move in a hurry.

Evening positioning flights of a Trident aircraft from Belfast to Glasgow are now used as a cargo jet service, an immediate increase in immediate increase in immediate increase in

regard as inadequate insurance and frequent overthe M1 and M2 to keep the Cargo is carried on a
remaining roads free from recently introduced 747 airremaining roads free from heavy cross-town traffic. Access to the port of Belfast is one of their concerns. Though many of Northern Ireland's roads are unclassified and serve scattered country areas, a lot of them have been reconstructed and improved to European stan-

Despite those hardships dards.

Despite those hardships the public purse gives little to keep the wheels turning. Last year the amount of money granted to passenger transport was £6 a head of the population as against £13 a head in Britain.

Despite Covernment spending cuts, the department has planned an extensive programme. In April this year it put development costs for the population as against £13 with a further £20m to be dards. Despite Government spend it put development costs for way Skytrain ticket. the next two years at £2im with a further £20m to be released soon afterwards.

> ment to date has been designed to ease the flow of commercial traffic to the main ports. Besides Belfast of declining num
> the two ports capturing most sengers.
> of the cross-channel and But because of
> international trade are Warrow, engineers' an hour's drive from Belfast. A £4m investment at Warrespoint has paid in much greater traffic in containers

and general cargo and it appears that more space will be needed there to meet future demands. Much attention has tives, it was recently paid to transport costs to and described as "a live issue" paid to transport costs to and from the province, mainly by the inspector at the public inquiry into city transport.

Increased use of the rail-price increases. The Northern ways stemming from that ireland 'Chamber of Comine, coupled with a modest merce, in a recent survey, fare rise, could help to clear the railway deficit.

recognized freight trauspectors as a worrying issue.

It found that the province it cannot, unfortunately, we bearing an unfortunately, we due the cost to the public. sumed last month after a was not bearing an unduce the cost to the public.

summer adjournment. Since usually heavy burden of the cost to the public.

the once great plan for the costs overall, in comparison city's urban motorways was to other peripheral areas of The author is industrial scrapped some years ago, the United Kingdom. But it correspondent, Belfast Telethe environment department said that cross-channel costs graph.

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**Buses on active** 

per cent of Belfast's bus provement in public translation and immediate increase in routes, is the operation of hundreds of taxis, mostly Belfast are free of traffic between Belfast and the rest second-hand London cabs, for reasons of security, leaveshich exist with the engonity a series of narrow approval of the so-called corridors around the city paramilitary groups and centre. Industry and comparamilitary groups and centre are interested between Belfast and the rest of the United Kingdom.

A new route to North America, through Manchester airport and using an overnight road service, is now of the United Kingdom.

A new route to North America, through Manchester airport and using an overnight road service, is now of the United Kingdom. craft. Freight loaded in Belfast can now be put on pal-lets and left undisturbed until it reaches its overseas

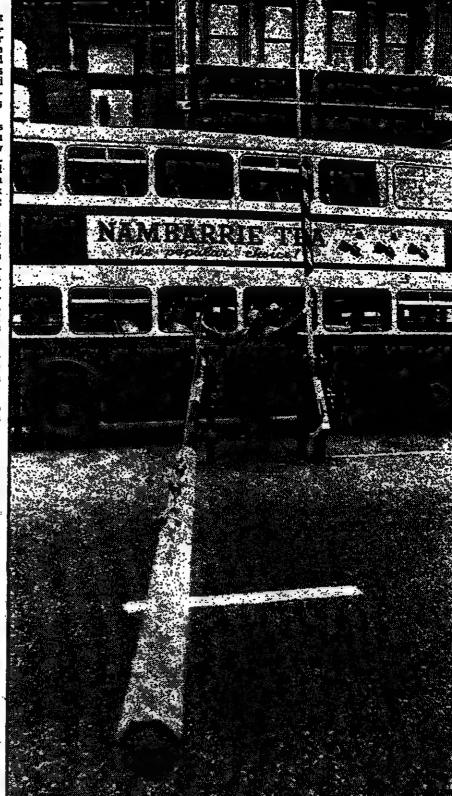
> For Uister people want to travel to Britain by the only speedy way, air fares are a sore point. British Airways has recently been

The introduction in April vice on the Heathrow route Much of the road improve on the same basis as the same to date has been Glasgow and Edinburgh shuttles, was a bold step by British Airways in the face

renpoint, in the south-east of later the action by air traffic the province, and Larne, half coursel assistants as mour's drive from Polis to cracked wings, the service has had little opportunity to prove itself.

In the two months it did fly without trouble, British Airways says the number of

An increasing shere of the London market is going to the rival British Middend Akways which now has a cheaper DC9 jet service to Getwick. The competition on that route betw two capitals should help to keep both swilnes alert, but



Barrier in Royal Avenue, Belfast. Buses are faced with bard economic times frequent contact with terrorists.

# Life-saving measure would be an imposition

by Marcel Berlins

apportunity for debate, and Orders in Council are used. The proposal, and all reactivem. Orders are either to Northern Ireland. In July allows the British Govern- to make laws in those areas tion to it, is then debated approved or rejected in this year, the Committee and the Committee of the Northern Ireland toto. There is no middle answered affirmatively on

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# Hospital in the battleground

by John Roper

In the past eight years the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, has had many honourand treated the victims of bombs, fires and guns.

It is not as well known that the members of its dedihas become known as dis-

aster planning.

The knowledge gained at victoria Hospital doctors. the hospital about the results Much of the success of violence, the differences achieved in dealing with in wounds and injuries casualties at the Royal Victoria and high velocity weapons: zation. Dr William Rutherberween those to victoria of ford the consultant configurations.

includes knowledge of how to treat patients who have been tarred and feathered.

fast, has had many honour. There are two categories able mentions in newspapers of skill at the Royal Victoria. and on radio and television. First, medical knowledge Thousands of words have about the treatment of un-been written about how, as a usual injuries. Second, about been written about how, as a usual injuries. Second, about teaching hospital happening the organization needed to to lie in one of the battle deal effectively with large grounds of Northern Ireland numbers of casualties often violence, its accident and suffering from injuries not casualty department has met often seen in a hospital casualty department.

Between 1970 and 1975 30 papers on traumatic surgery were written by 17 doctors and published in medical cated staff have, from skill journals. Two years ago the and knowledge gained by British Medical Journal prohard experience, contributed duced a booklet, Surgery of duced a booklet, Surgery of thousands of words to medi- Violence, which Sir Ian cal, scientific and other jour- Fraser, the doyen of surgery nals to the benefit of what in Northern Ireland, said represented just a little of

and high velocity weapons: zation. Dr William Ruther-between those to victims of ford, the consultant casualry bomb blast compared with surgeon, has addressed con-injuries in high-speed motor ferences on disaster planning accidents; about the psycho-logical problems and the land and Germany.

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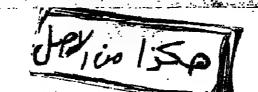
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# Tourist figures give modest boost

Keeping communities in-

by John Chartres

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# Age at root of housing difficulties

by David Watson

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That buttle is on, and planning consultant, whose recommendation that a per cent of households are building stopline should be overcrowded and 35 per cent drawn around Belfast was declared sub-standard.

Some 30,000 houses in Belfast have been scheduled for redevelopment, but a senior planner admitted:

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building schemest will legislate to end this system of controlled rents and, after April next year, hopes to see a start made on saving 20,000 but we are 10 to 15 years.

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million pound damage that had quietly been esting away below people's rafters years. before the terrorist bombs began to demolish the bricks in the present internecine conflict.

Of all the 455,500 homes in the province, 19.6 per cent were found to be stanutorily unfit—more than twice the percentage in a 1971 survey of England and Wales—and at 1974 prices would have needed some £215m to repair.

A further 178-page household survey told a community already shocked by conomic inflation and divided by gun rule on its stroets that one family in three lived below the poverty fine — 478,570 people. including 191,040 children under the able of the Environment official of a council house in the rest of a gouncil house in the rest of of a Belfast that was the opening stock of the Goodyear tyre factory, providing many of the 8,000 pines and rescue it from possible against the provided in new housing drive amounced for the Environment official captured by the Government. The idea was acquired by the Government. The idea was acquired by the Government. The idea was to encourage Belfast provide in move use of existing stock, by introduction of 75 per cent were found to be growth centre; a major in more use of existing stock, by introduction of 75 per cent were found to be growth centre; a major in more use of existing stock, by introduction of 75 per cent were found to be growth centre; a major in more use of existing stock, by introduction of 75 per cent were found to be growth centre; a major in more use of existing stock, by introduction of 75 per cent were found to the growth centre; a major in more use of existing stock, by introduction of 75 per cent were found to move from over cent renovation grants which mean people can get as much as £4350 for home centre; a major in the provided in new found as £4350 for home centre; a soloble decay, using the grants. Morrages of up to 95 per munity halfs, per provided in new found as £4350 for home centre; a soloble decay, using the grants of first and provided in new found as £

streets of bricked-up, abandoned houses, made all

Although there is now at Pole £130m available for the next Belfast, five years, housing officials say it will take 10 years before they can bope to achieve decent housing standards, and this will involve tact is now a major concern for planners and here new legislation means that selfhelp has started on rehabili-tating aging property. Already more than two replacement or rehabilita-tion of perhaps half the city's housing stock. stock dozen voluntary housing of Belfast's associations have been regis-

sium conditions are the tered to receive government thousands of back-to-back funds to take over suitable terrace homes that grew up property.

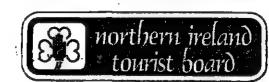
The author is as homes for mill workers in the industrial revolution.

Most belonged to private landlords, and archeic rent perty is changing hands fast Telegraph. restriction laws that were never repealed mean that, of more than 55,000 privately rented unfurnished house-holds throughout Northern Ireland, 78 per cent pay less than £2 a week in rent and rates—figures unchanged since the First World War. lords means that for decade lords means that for decades these thousands of homes have had little repair carried out and most lack basic amenities such as bathrooms and lavatories, and enough bedroom and kitchen space. Now, many of these homes have been taken over by the bousing executive, awaiting redealerment or rehability. bousing executive, awaiting redevelopment or rehabilitation, and their rents have been frozen—often at about only 50p a week—until something is done. Soon the Covernment will legislate to end this system of controlled rents and, after April

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# Sport proves itself above politics

by Malcolm Brodie

If a peace prize is ever floodlight. Not an incident awarded for sport, Northern married those occasions as ireland must unquestionably be dissociated from any outlify as its first recipient. usilify as its first recipient. be dissociated Throughout eight years of form of politics, civil strife and adversity the Northern Irela Throughout eight years of civil strife and adversity the governing bodies and almost 400,000 participants, not to mention spectators, have gressive, independent chair-carried on against almost manship of Colonel E. D. R. insurmountable odds. Their Shearer and, with the courage, determination and resilience must be commended.

For only one season, called ghetto areas, and of 1972-73, it was not possible to stage European club than the bomb and the soccer fixtures. International bullet.

and, frequently, creating a crowd-pulling propensity of about 30,000 even under

mended.

In those dark, frightening that role in fostering and days when terrorism was at developing spirit. It did its peak, sport kept going in more than that by giving a mapper which havildered youth an oppositioning of a manner which bewildered youth an opportunity of many, it crossed the divide, experiencing healthy pursuits particularly in the so-

almost f4m in 1976-77 while, Queen's University playing directors, however, had to Colonel Shearer, a former be played away from home international soccer player international soccer player and cricketer, aptly summed to four years. However, and cricketer, aptly summed it up when he said: "Sport the isolation in 1974, the Norwegian, Swedish English, fies not only those of opposities, Dutch and Icelandic sides followed immediately from every background and with appearances at Windsor of different ages. Sport is a world of Christian names of different ages. Sport is and it is a community too close-knit to make room close-knit to make room the stars such as PSV Endhoven, Liverpool, Southmanpton, Juventus, Ajax, Parnizan Reigrade, Standard Liege, and Feyenoord have all delighted the Northern have been completed, capital works worth family and clamour partment of Education rose and the stars and clamour partment of Education rose almost f4m in 1976-77 while, during the same period, payments to voluntary sports organizations increased from Eddo,000 a year.

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Cold statistics do not tell the entire story. Anyone the entire story. Anyone the entire story. Anyone the entire story. Anyone the entire story and a fund-raising committee.

Today that track flourishes as a centre not primarily for newspaper reading and through a diet of newspaper reading and television viewing with their concentration on violence must be astonished when he effinds that an estimated lies members want only to live in peace and harmony.

The author is sports editor, Belfast Telegraph. matches, however, had to Colonel Shearer, a former during the same period, pay-



driver: one of many suc- Peters, cessful people in sport.

province, too, can boost 5,000 clubs with 30,000 voluntary workers and. what is more, membership steadily increases. Sport in Northern Ireland, including the schools, according to official figures, has risen overall by 22 per cent in the five years up to 1975—indoor sport 24 per cent, outdoor 12 per

It is a nation, too, which John Watson, the racing Peters, pentathlon winner at the 1972 Munich Olym-

> Mary Peters's achievement is immortalized now by a track constructed on the Qucen's University playing

# BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRITISH BUSINESSMEN IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

On August 1 this year Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, announced new economic measures to encourage manufacturing and service industries to set up and expand in the Province.

The immediate benefits are a massive subsidy to reduce the cost of electricity, substantial increases in grants for building and equipping factories and generous financial aid for research and development work. Other existing grants and incentives have also been made more attractive.

#### **BIGGER GRANTS FOR BUILDING**

One of the most attractive incentives in Northern Ireland has been the building grants. At between 30% and 40%, according to area, they've been considerably higher than in any other UK region.

Now they are even further ahead. The minimum rate, without employment conditions, remains at 30% but the upper limit on the selective assistance rate has been increased to 50%.

#### LONGER RENT-FREE PERIODS FOR FACTORIES

For companies seeking to lease ready-built factories, Northern Ireland has been able to offer a choice free of rent for the first three years.

Now the rent-free period is extended to five years, which should allow tenants to become firmly established before having to cost rental against profitability.

#### **BIGGER GRANTS FOR PLANT**

Selective assistance grants for plant and machinery have also been running at between 30% and 40%. These, too, are now increased up to 50% with the minimum rate, with employment conditions, being maintained at 30%.

So, when the full value of tax concessions is taken into consideration, it can mean that the Government contributes up to 99.4% of initial plant costs.

#### UP TO £250,000 FOR R&D WORK

For the first time in Northern Ireland, grants are directly available for research and development work. Similar to the grants already mentioned, they are offered at the new high rate of 40% to 50%. The limit

for any one project is £250,000.

R&D grants can be applied for irrespective of whether or not the applicant has received other forms of grant assistance from Government here.

#### GREATER INTEREST RELIEF

For companies raising money from other than Government sources. Government assistance towards financing costs has been increased. The maximum period for the highest rate of Interest Relief Grant has gone up from two to three years and can still be followed by four years at 3% a year.

#### CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TOWARDS START-UP AND RUNNING COSTS

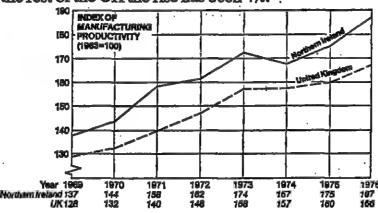
Northern Ireland is now the only region of the United Kingdom which provides assistance towards start up costs; additional grants designed to provide new projects with a substantial inflow of revenue during the build-up period—individually negotiated on the basis of total capital requirements for each new project. Northern Ireland is now also the only

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region of the United Kingdom where manufacturers continue to be paid a Selective Employment Premium of £2 per week per adult worker and £1.20 per week per worker under 18 years of age.

#### HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY

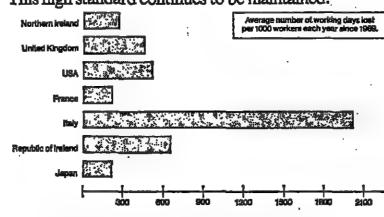
Since 1969 productivity has risen by 37% compared to the rest of the UK's 30%. See graph below. Manufacturing output has risen by 14% while in the rest of the UK the rise has been 4%.



#### FEWER STRIKES

Northern Ireland has always had a good industrial relations record, as the bar chart below illustrates.

This high standard continues to be maintained.



#### HOW GREAT IS THE RISK?

It's only natural for anyone coming to Northern Ireland to want to assess the risk.

Perhaps the simplest way to put this in perspective is to look at one straightforward comparison. The mortality rate due to the troubles in Northern Ireland from 1969 until end June of this year averaged 14 (civilian, Army and local security forces) per 100,000 of the population. This rate exactly equals Great Britain's fatal road accident rate which is currently running at 14 per 100,000. Equivalent rates on the Continent in 1975 were Sweden 15.3, France 23.5, the Netherlands 23.8, Italy 25.9 and West Germany 29.9.

The risk to security of investment is correspondingly low. Legislation in Northern Ireland provides for compensation for damage caused by malicious acts. This compensation takes account of the depreciated value of fixed assets before damage, plus consequential loss of business profits. Subject to reinstatement of employment, compensation at full replacement value is payable on fixed assets—plus consequential loss.

# CAN YOU REALLY AFFORD TO IGNORE NORTHERN IRELAND?

Manufacturers who in the past have tended to omit Northern Ireland from their location planning on grounds of isolation or of risk might now question whether, in fairness to their shareholders, they can any longer afford to do so. Particularly in view of the fact that industrial consumers in the Province are to enjoy cheaper electricity.

In recent years huge investment in plant and the oil price explosion forced the cost of electricity up at a higher rate in Northern Ireland than in Great Britain.

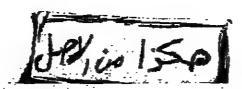
To reduce industrial tariffs the Government proposes to write off the majority of the Electricity Service's debt to the Government Loans Fund and to provide a grant of some £100 million, spread over the next five years. This should bring the cost of electricity down to the level of other UK Development Areas.

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# TREMORS IN GERMANY

The West German Government ing many French intellectuals Christian Democrats, which has made a worshy but hopeless, who have shown a surprising was responsible both for the has made a worshy but hopeless, who have shown a surprising attempt to tell the story of the lack of intellectual rigour) who kidnapping of Dr Schleyer. After are excessively eager to believe imposing an almost total black whatever version of events brings out of information during the most discredit on the German weeks of the events themselves, it presumably felt obliged to Such people are probable few, compensate, but when it faced the task it quickly found that many of the reasons for not talking at the time remain reasons for not talking now. The result is a long report with a lot of fascin-ating detail which tells little of substance that was not known already.

Frustrating but unavoidable. The German Government would obviously be wrong to give away details of manoeuvres which might have to be used again. It would be foolish to embarrass or alienate foreign governments by documenting what they did and did not do to help. It would be wrong to publish anything which might help the kidnappers to. evade capture or which might prejudice their trial if they are

captured. This does not mean that the exercise was a complete waste of time. It tells what can be told; it conveys an idea of the complexities of the operation; and in a section on contacts with the prisoners it strengthens the evidence that they did indeed commit suicide. There has never been any convincing evidence that they were murdered, but a great many people outside Germany have shown a depressing eagerness to believe that they were. A final verdict must awalt the results of the investigations, but so far every fact which emerges makes murder even less likely than it seemed at the time. This will make no impact on those who believe only what they want to believe, but it should at least remove some of the assurauthorities.

demonstrated and attacked German property. They assiduously spread a misleadingly black picture of the state of German democracy. They make it more difficult for their own governments to provide the full international cooperation which is necessary in the fight against terrorism. And they provoke worry and resentment among Germans which could in the long run become damaging to the cohesion of Europe.

The West Germans are acutely conscious that they are still living with memories of the war, but they have worked hard for their internal and external re-habilitation and have devoted themselves more energetically than most of their critics to the European Community. If they come to feel that nothing they do is accounted right, that they are supporting a Europe which repays them by dislike, they could at some point turn sour and politicians ready to exploit that sourness would be at hand. The danger is still remote but it be irresponsible to would advance it.

This factor puts additional burdens on West German politicians, who are watched not only at home, but also abroad. Most have risen to their responsibilities in recent weeks but the temptation to make political capital out of terrorism is still great. Probably the only fortunate aspect of the whole affair is that it was the Land of Baden-Würt-temberg, which is ruled by

inadequate protection of Dr Schleyer before his kidnap, and for the administration of the prison in which the terrorists died. This has somewhat taken the wind out of the sails of rightwing politicians who had been accusing the Government of laxity.

But this by no means removes the issue from German politics.
There is still the much broader argument whether a more rigorous ideological climate on top of more rigorous laws would encourage or discourage terrorism. The Christian Democrats are probably right to suggest that there have been shortcomings in the political education of the postwar generation. The real meaning of democracy and how it functions has not been fully brought home. has not been fully brought home to many young Germans who anyway have understandable difficulty in identifying with a state formed out of only part of a country with a broken history. But some of the answers proposed by more right-wing politicians could exacerbate the situation by promoting just those aspects of German society which already cause tension, such as a certain lack of tolerance for opposing views. If even the moderate left is unjustly branded —as it has been by some politicians—as sympathetic to terrorism or to the feelings that lie behind it, West German society could be pushed towards greater antagonisms at the very moment when it most needs to overcome them. This could also have the effect of weakening the influence and commitment of those German left-wing intellectuals and politicians whose voices carry most weight among

#### ance from those people (includ-Germany's critics abroad.

THE RANDOM PRINCIPLE FOR JURIES The essence of the jury is that increasing tendency in many it is drawn from as wide a cross section of the community as possible and that juries are chosen at random. Up to 1974, the criticism could validly be made that juries were not representative because property-owning qualifications which applied excluded a high percentage of women and young people. When those qualifications were removed, and the lower age limit reduced to eighteen, virtually the whole iury service, and the various exemptions allowed did not derogate to any significant

extent from that principle. The fact that the total pool of potential jurors is representative of the community does not, however, mean that the same is true for every individual jury.

The random choice of twelve people for a particular case can and often does produce a freak result. What is more worrying is that there has been an

kinds of cases for defendants or their counsel to try deliberately to obtain an unrepresentative jury, made up of the type of people who might be thought to be more sympathetic to the defence case or to the defendants themselves. There has been a regrettably successful application to have an all-woman jury, and happily unsuccessful attempts to have juries consisting only of blacks. The exclusion of apparently middle class conservative looking jurges of a certain age has been tried on several occasions, with varying effects on the ultimate composi-

tion of the jury. In the latest example, earlier this week, four defendants in a pornography trial were able to obtain an all-male jury by the single expedient of challenging all the women who were being put forward. Up to September of this year, every defendant was entitled to challenge seven jurors without giving any cause.

The Criminal Law Act 1977 reduced the number of peremptory chellenges to three. That is an improvement, but the effect of that provision is reduced in proportion to the number of defendants on trial, each defendant being entitled to his three challenges.

In addition, defendants may challenge any number of jurors for cause, by showing for in-stance that the opinions they hold, or their job, or their previous involvement with parti-Or possible prejudice against the defence. In the United States, challenges for cause have be-come an art form, with the result that the empanelling of juries there often lasts several days. That ought not be allowed to happen here. Juries should continue to represent the community at random: a principle which applies especially where questions of public morality or society's limits of toleration are

# THE FETING OF MR LÉVESQUE

receive with special honours a Quebec provincial prime minier. Between France and Quebec ...ere necessarily subsists a pecial relationship. The impression however has been given that the arrangements made for Mr René Lévesque's visit go farther than on any previous occasion. Were it so, it would be difficult not to conclude that he is being fored because he is the first Quebec prime minister to be committed to the creation of another independent Frenchspeaking country. Mr Lévesque is a past master at publicity and undoubtedly this is the impression that he wishes to foster. Nevertheless it would seem that President Giscard d'Estaing is being careful to keep the courtesies within the approved limits of protocol Mr Levesque is dining with the Government, with all the ministers present, but this falls short of the honour extended to Mr Bourassa, his predecessor, who attended a meeting of the Conseil des

Ministres. It is tempting to see in Mr

It is traditional for France to Lévesque's reception local political significance. The President is naturally watching Gaullist reactions very carefully in the run up to the elections particularly as he has been criticized by the Gaullists for not upholding French interests abroad. To make much of Mr Lévesque and perhaps to take drastic measures in respect of the French hostages of the Saharan polisario-does fit in with his political exigencies. It would certainly be unwise for him to neglect any expressions of good will to Mr Lévesque which do not involve France in embarrassing commitments. The policy has hitherto been non-interference and non-

indifference, in the French Mr Trudeau is reported to be annoyed with Paris, but he has been cautious. Only if a visiting provincial premier was treated as a head of state would he need to go farther, though beyond recalling his ambassador there seems to be little he can do to protest. He can, however, probably see that it is the French Assembly, rather than the Government, which is belauding Mr Lévesque and there are political

motives for that. President Giscard knows very well that Washington is not happy with Mr Lévesque's policies, for it sees in a break up of Canada a possible threat to its own defences. Looking at the politics of some of Mr Lévesque's colleagues and members of the Parti Québecois, the Americans were not reassured by his promises that an independent Quebec would collaborate in North American defence.

Mr Lévesque's own interests are clear. He wishes on his return to present his reception as an expression of France's support for an independent Quebec, France's belief that separation would be economic ally advantageous, and French readiness to sustain it with finance, His problem in the next two years is to convert a minority Quebeckers ready to vote Oui in his referendum on secession into a majority. France's encouragement and material aid would be a powerful propaganda point. It remains to be seen how much he will get of either. So far there has been no echo of the General's "vive le Québec libre".

#### Tactics at Belgrade From Mr Lionel Block

Sir, Your leader on tactics at Beigrade (October 24) does not concern itself sufficiently with the basic assumption of most western delegations, namely, that between the extremes of direct confrontation and the abject pandering to boyiet susceptibilities, there is an sical middle ground for effective distornacy.

If such ground exists at all, it caenot be larger than the point of

a needie. We are asked to believe not only that the most controversial issues of our times can be discussed without controversy, but also that the undious avoidance of anything that night incur the displeasure of the Communist countries, is a higher form of wisdom.

In fact, the Belgrade conference has already shown that the self denying ordinances of the West are little more than a device to conceal the care between its ostensible aims and the characte of maintaining momentum for its own sake.

The USSR and its allies have had promises made by the Communist there was broken. What possible

reason can there be for the claim that some of these promises may still be kept by the Eastern dictator-ships, if only the West will not point a finger at specific violations of human rights or do so only with

discreet diffidence? If the Belgrade conference is to achieve anything at all, then the Western delegation will have to realize that there is no halfway house between effective pressure (however declamatory) and mere

pussy-footing.
As you so rightly point out, it is unlikely that Russia will walk out of the conference, bur, even in the unlikely event of such a withdrawal, this would be infinitely preferable to an outcome which, in the name of detente, will make a mockery of the entire human rights issue and also confer on the Kremlin the undeserved arra of a benevolent super power amenable to diplomatic reasoning and sympathetic to humanitarian pleas. Yours faithfully, LIONEL BLOCH.

Enigma disclosures From Sir Herbert Marchant Sir, Mr Coulson, in his letter of October 27 shows himself very

9 Wimpole Street, W1.

properly concerned—as no doubt are many other of our Bletchley Park colleagues—about his position in relation to the Enigma disclosures. His proposal, however, that all concerned should be "individually informed" that they are now at liberty to talk is surely quite out of line in view of the wording of the Official Secrets Acts declaration. -The one I signed required us to maintain the statutory silence with regard to all secret information in our possession "save such as has already been made public". I expect his did

F. W. Winterbotham's The Ultra Secret, which "blew" the Enigma story three years ago, was pub-lished with the go-ahead, if not the blessing of the relevant authorities. Now that a selection—alas still very incomplete—of decoded Enigma messages is available for study at the Public Record Office, I think it reasonable to assume that we are now off the hook.

trying to write a social history of Eletchley Park and its brilliant, but often curiously unorthodox inmates—many of them now in high places—it is rather the law of libel than the Official Secrets Ace that

worries me. Yours faithfully, HERBERT MARCHANT. 32 Buckingham Court, W11.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

succeed.

early days.

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER,

House of Lords, November 2,

Yours, etc.

from member states, each member

paying a little more, not so much, as there are 134 of them—and should make everything they do

I hope the British Labour Govern-

ment will propose this course, and that it will be agreed, if so, many United States citizens and United States foundations will help them, as they helped the League in the

From Sir Robert Kirkwood
Sir, Having served as "Employers
Representative" on a Jamaican
Government delegation to the International Labour Organization (ILO)
I was delighted to learn of
President Carter's decision to withdraw the United States from that
body, which, whatever its past
merits, is now a complete waste of
time and money.

time and money.

Originally intended to promote discussion between governments,

discussion between governments, trade unious and employers, with a view to bettering conditions of employment, worldwide, the ILO is now little more than an excuse for a pleasant month in Geneva, on the expense account, of a steadily increasing number of delegates from the poorer countries: to justify their presence they—egged on by the communist countries—raise totally inappropriate political issues, and sponsor endless "conventions", governing working conditions of labour, with which they have not the slightest intention of complying, but which the Western democracies consider binding.

Moreover, the original ILO concept was one of tripartite discussion between, respectively, the governments, trade unions, and employers

#### Revaluation of sterling

From the Director-General of the Committee on Invisible Exports Committee on Invisible Exports

Sir, The sharp rise in the pound is now seen as a potential threat to some British exports. But the Chancellor has one option available which he declined to use fully last week. He could decide to dismantle some of the exchange controls which some of the exchange consmols which have piled up from every earlier sterling crisis. These controls range from the 25 per cent surrender rule and other restrictions on portfolio investment (which inhibit the activities of the insurance companies, the Stock Exchange and the investment trusts) to the restrictions on third country sterling trade and on direct investment overseas. Any decision to dismantle them would have three beneficial results:

1 It would help to out the up-

1 It would help to carb the up-ward pressure on the pound and thus reduce some of the current anxieties in British manufacturing

anxieties in British manufacturing industry.

2 It would free several City markets and institutions from the restrictions imposed in earlier crises and enable them to earn more "invisible" income.

3 It would enable British manufacturing industry to invest in success in overseas markets and sharpen Britain's export drive.

Yours feithfully,
WILLIAM M CLARKE.

WILLIAM M. CLARKE, Director-General, Committee ou Invisible Exports, 7th Floor, The Stock Exchange, EC2.

November 1.

#### Guerrillas in Rhodesia

From the Bishop of Chelmsford

From the Bishop of Chelmsford
Sir, In his thoughtful letter printed in The Times of October 26 Mr Walter Salomon taxes those who prepared the recent British Council of Churches report Rhodesia Now:
The Liberation of Zimbabwe with "moddled if benevolent thinking".
But however distressing it may be for those of us who wish Rhodesia well, it is not muddled thinking to recognize reality.

The pamphlet is concerned with the situation as it is in Rhodesia today, not as it might have been. It does not advocate an armed struggle, but it does recognize its existence as a fact. The situation in Rhodesia is one of civic and military oppression by an illegal regime which has blocked every constitutional path to self determination for its black subjects, thereby bringing upon them and, latterly, upon the white citizens of Rhodesia, great suffering. The authors plead for an understanding of the convictions of finuse caucht up in the struggle for freedom from this regime.

To declare that oppressed people who seek to change their government always have an unjust cause is to give carte blanche to irresponsible tywants wherever they are. To equate a majority seeking self determination in Rhodesia with

equate a majority seeking self determination in Rhodesia with those recently active against the state in West Germany is to confuse two entirely different political statement.

The pumphlet carefully docu-ments the development of the present situation from the Uni-lateral Declaration of Independence in 1965 and pleads for the argent transfer of power to the majority. It is only by the negotiation of this transfer that the nightmare of the period of the armed struggle can be brought to an end.

Yours truly, † JOHN CHELMSFORD, Chairman of the Executive Committee, British Council of Churches, 10 Eaton Gate, SW1.

#### Hanging the Turners From the Chairman of the Turner

Sir, Predictably the Tate Trustees have rushed to the barricades to defend their treasures, as if the Turner Bequest really was their property, putting up a smoke screen of needle-scriptic argument and of pseudo-scientific arguments and referring not at all to the generous and far aighted views of our President, Henry Moore, and Lord Clark, set out in their recent letter in your columns (October 18).

To them, as to us, the point at issue is that a substantial part of the Turner Bequest, in search of a nome for over a century, could so firringly be shown to such advantage at Somerset House, in need of role, to produce one of the most interesting and attractive galleries in London.

Any defects Somerset House may have as a gallery are more than compensated by its aesthetic and historic appeal and most of its tech-nical deficiencies can be remedied, if not quite eliminated, by modern

Perhaps, to spare the scruples of the Trustees, a slight amendment to the Trustees, a slight amendment to the Tate Gallery Act 1954 might be the short answer, designed to prise this fabulous pearl from the Mill-bank matrix and place it at last in a fitting recenticle. fitting receptacle. Yours, etc.,

J. ALLAN PEARCE, The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1. October 31.

From Mr Humphrey Brooke Sir, Sir Hugh Casson's letter in your issue of November 1 is in strange contrast to Mr Paul Overy's article on another page "Turners best seen by the score". Yet each of these authorities makes valid points.

What has been overlooked ever since it was first proposed to fill Somerset Hoose with Turners, is the fact that 70 years ago Sir J. J. Duveen (the father of Lond Duveen) defrayed the cost of adding nine galleries to the Tate for the specific purpose of displaying the Turner Bequest—so much for the notion that this great artist's wishes have been ignored.

It is good to know that supplement any space may soon be available in the adjacent Military Hospital. This will make the prospect of visious having to trek to Somerset. House even less agrecable. Yours faithfully, HUMPHREY BROOKE

Deputy Keeper at the Tate i/c of the Turner Bequest 1946-49, 8 Perham Crescent, SW7.

#### American withdrawal from the ILO

From Lord Noel-Baker Sir, Your leading article today (November 2) makes an unanswer-able case against the United States Government's decision to leave the

ILO.
The decision is a breek with United States traditional policy. The first conference of the Organization was held in Washington at the invication of Woodrow Wilson, Much of its best work has been done under the guidance of United States cirizens who served as Directors

General,
When the first of these, John (Gil)
Winant, left Geneva to become
United States warnine Ambassador
to London, he told me shat, in his
belief, no institution in human
history had done so much to
improve the lives of so many
hundreds of millions of men and
women as the H.O.

hundreds of millions of men and women as the ILO.

It will certainly be a grievous loss to the United States that it will no longer be taking part in the ILO's magnificently successful work. The loss to the ILO will be mitigated by the control of the ILO will be mitigated by the fact that it will no longer have to colerate the neo-Joseph McCarthy-ism of Mr Meany and those who share his views—views which constitute a formula for the suicide of the human race.

There remains the question of how the ILO should meet the serious financial loss of £11m a year which the United States decision will entail. When an 1920 the then United entaid. When in 1920 the then United States Senate decided to leave the League of Nations, Britain and France agreed that they would nevertheless bring the League to life and make it succeed. They did so to such effect—thanks largely to the leadership of Lord (A. J.) Balfour, Lord (Robert) Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, J. Ramsay MacDonald and Arthur Henderson—that within ten years the United States were taking part in pinety per cent of the intermational cooperative activities which the League organized: the international cooperative activities which the League organized: and they were paying the second largest contribution to its Budget—second only to the Brinish Empire.

There can be no doubt that the United States will return to the ILO. In the meantime, the other members should do what France and Britain led the League in doing half a century ago. They should resolve not so reduce the important work with the Third World and others on which they are engaged, and nor to cut

they are engaged, and not to cut their Budget. Instead, they should readjust the bareme of contributions

Sir, I fear that your correspondent

covering the Queen's tour of the Caribbean was unable during his short visit to obtain a fully balanced view of conditions in Antigua.

I was in Antigua myself two weeks ago—my second return visit after living there for six years while Governor of the Leeward Islands,

Conditions in Antigua

From Sir Kenneth Blackburne

visit, now outnumbers the original

between, respectively, the governments, trade unions, and employers organizations of the member nations. The membership of monolidisc communist countries has turned this approach into a fiasco. On my last attendance at the ILO, shortly after the Russian military suppression of the USSR wasted a great deal of time denouncing the shortcomings of the Western demo-

shortcomings of the Western demo-cracies. Well done Mr President.

Yours faithfully, R. L. M. KIRKWOOD, Haven House, Sandwich,

Kent. November 1.

union.
From 1971 to 1976 the rival political party was in power, and not Mr Bird. It was during this period that the oil refinery and the sugar industry collapsed, while the courist industry suffered from the unpleasant attitude which developed among these normally most kindly and friendly of peoples. In their last year in office the United Nations recorded an unemployment rate of 47 per cent, as compared with the current rate of 40 per cent recorded today by your corres-

Governor of the Leeward Islands, 1950 to 56.

I was delighted to see the improvements of all kinds in this formerly backward colony, nearly all of which are due to the leadership of the present Premier—Mr V. C. Bird, who was abused at the demonstration reported by your correspondent, and further denigrated by him in his article in The Times. pondent.
Since Mr Bird's return to power, since Mr Bird's return to power, there are clear signs (as almost everyone in the Eastern Caribbean will confirm) of a return to the progress which marked his first term in office. The sugar industry is to be revived on a small basis to meet local needs; as your corres-Times.

The facts are these, During my return of office the Labour Party headed by Mr Bird came to power, almost entirely because it was based on the single trade union which then existed—also formed by Mr

The party remained in power pondent says, there ere plans for reopening the oil retinery (not a matter which can be resolved speedily); and the extension of the then existed—also tormed by Bird. The party remained in power until 1971. During Mr Bird's first spectry); and me extension of the tourist industry is already in hand, barked by the welcome which is now given to visitors as evidenced by the highly favourable reports given to me by the fellow travellers on my

recent cruise. Yours faithfully, KENNETH BLACKBURNE.

instil 1971. During Mr Bird's first long period of service as Chief Minister and Premier, a rival trade union was established, largely because Mr Bird put his country before sectional interests and lost some support from the workers. This union, which organized the demonstration during the Queen's Garvegh, Ballasalla, Isle of Man.

#### Battle of Britain credit From Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP for Cambridge (Conservative) Sir, Exception has been taken in

your columns to a recent book by Mr Len Deighton entitled Fighter, which is described by the publishers as "The True Story of the Battle of Britain", and which has an enthusiastic foreword by Mr A. J. P.

I would only add this Mr Deighten's book makes no reference whatever to the critical role played by the late Lord Swinton, Secretary of State for Air, 1935 to 1938, in the transformation of Fighter Command. Nor, apparently, has any use been made of the substantial archives—freely available to re-searchers—of the Air Defence Research Committee and its sub-committees, or the Cabinet Papers. Indeed, Lord Swinton's name is not mentioned once in Mr Deighton's "true story of the Battle

Mr Deighton may not share my very high estimation of Lord Swin-ton's unique contribution to the salvation of this nation. But it is lamentable to treat him as though he never existed, and to ignore totally the fact that the decisions to order the Spitfires and Hurricanes, to make Radio Direction Finding a central part of Fighter Command's operational system, to establish the "shadow factory organization (tragically disrupted Swinton's successor), and initiate the dramatic expansion of the RAF's training programme were

political, decisions made by a political Minister. If Lord Swinton were still allve he would have been caustically con-temptuous of Mr Deightou's inter-vention into serious history. Those of us who reverence Swinton's memory and who are aware of what he achieved for Fighter Command in this vital period are not pre-pared to permit this travesty of the facts to stand uncorrected.

It should also be pointed out that Swinton's most staunch supported

was that most cruelly maligned of modern Prime Ministers, Stanley Baldwin.
Mr Churchill's leadership and speeches in 1940 were superlative; the heroism and dedication of the pilots and ground crews of Fighter

Command were epic; Lord Dowding's reputation is rightly restored by Mr Deighton; Lord Beaver-brook's achievements were astounding. But the machines and scientific breakthroughs that won the Battle of Britain were born when Lord Swinton was Secretary of State for Air, as were the training programmes that created the pilots and the RAF engineers and operators.

As Mr Deighton rightly emphasizes, the Battle of Britain was narrowly won. To omit Lord Swin-ton completely from the bead-roll of those who achieved that precarious salvation is an act of omis-

sion of which author, editor and publisher should be ashamed. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, ROBERT RHODES JAMES, House of Commons. November 1.

#### Cleaning up Parliament From Mr R. S. Conibear

Sir, The MP who has had the novel idea of campaigning for a cleaning up of the outside of Parliament (October 31) is certainly ingenious, but surely he is not to be taken seriously. Of all the jewels of our architectural heritage, the one which would be positively ruined by the application of 34 million pounds worth of soap and water is the Palace of Westminster.

The operation of stonework cleanine operation of stonework cleaning may have been used to dazzling effect on buildings which were originally designed to look elegant, rather than ancient, such as the Georgian terraces of Cheltenham and Bath, but might not the Mother of Parliaments be allowed to retain her sombre Gothic griminess as a

reminder of her seniority amongst the world's great state buildings? Those who think that the Houses of Parliament would look better as bright as a new pin should inspect their frontage onto the Victoria Tower Gardens, which appears to have suffered a scrubbing already.

I fear that unless someone is successful at diverting the Member for Leicester, West, to a cause slightly further afield, then another disbursement of several millions of pounds of public money may be required in a few years time to restore to this hallowed building a decent coating of Victorian-Gothic style grime. Yours faithfully, R. S. CONIBEAR. Crown Agents, Millbank, SW1. November 1.

#### Imposing sanctions on South Africa

From Mr John Hatch Sir, Professor de Crespigny (November 1) argues in your columns today that foreign pressure on South Africa has strengthened and will strengthen the National Party, that carrots rather than sticks will influence South African policy and that Afrikaners have a right to protect

their interests, which would be abrogated by black rule.

The Professor is supported in his thesis by many leaders of opinion in this country. May I first destroy the widely diffused cenard that external pressure is responsible for the South African Government's re-pression? Little concern from outpression? Little concern from out-side South Africa was shown with the racial situation in that country before 1960. Yet, during the half century which had elapsed since Union, Africans had been removed from the Cape common roll, a land cartemark had been intell, settlement had been imposed pro-viding the 80 per cent non-whites with under 14 per cent of the land, new discriminations had been laid on the Asians and apartheid had been introduced with a series of inhuman laws. Hardly evidence that left to themselves, white South Africans move towards humane measures! Since the outside world has taken more concern it can at least be argued that in small degrees—in sport for instance—South African whites have been coerced

into some reform.

If the Afrikaner has a right to protect his interest, so must the black African be accorded the same right. Is there any human right which transcends that to participate fully in the few afterior in the few and the same results in the same re fully in the form of society in which one lives? Apparently Professor do Crespigny would permanently deny that right to a majority of his black fellow citizens. Most black Africans show a far more tolerant attitude to whites, whom they wish to include in a non-racial South Africa. Unfortunately, the Professor is again exposing the tragic myopia of somany South African whites. If he and his fellows continue to insist that white and black interests are inevitably in conflict, he must also accept that much a conflict on only secept that such a conflict can only be resolved by force—with each side seeking alliance with whoever will offer support. In that event neither Afrikaners nor any other whites can expect their rights to survive. Yours faithfully,

JOHN HATCH, The End Cottage. Lusby, Nr Spilsby, Lincolnshire. November 1.

#### Withdrawal from Palestine From Sir Harold Beeley

Sir, I am sorry to see that Mf Dayan, as reported in your issue of October 26, is perpetuating the myth that the British Government, when they withdrew from Palestine in May 1948, did so in the belief that the Jewish population might be acculated and without allowing this consideration to influence them. As evidence he cites a conversation he bad " years later " with Field Marshal Montgomery who said that as Chief of the Imperial General Staff he had advised the Cebinet that a war in 1948 would be won by the Arabs in eight days. The British documents for that year, when they become available, will tell a very different story. Meanwhile one of the best contemporary sources is the volume of State Department documents published a few months ago. It includes the record made by Mr Loy Renderson of a conversation with me on May 2, two weeks before the termination of the Mandate. "It was his opinion", Mr Henderson wrote, "that for some time at least the Jews . . . could withstand and possibly defeat the winstand and possibly defeat the prorty organized and body equipped Arab armies". This was of course not my personal opinion, which on this subject could have been of no possible value to the State Department, but a summary of the expert military advice which the Foreign Office had been receiving for some time.

ing for some time. Yours faithfully, HAROLD BEELEY, Reform Club. Pall Mall. SW1. October 27.

#### Radical thought

From Mr Ken Coates Sir, Although we are grateful for Professor Gould's apology (October 14) for inadvertently misrepresenting us, he makes amends which somewhat aggravates the wounds originally inflicted.

The Russell Foundation did not, as he now says, "withdraw its support from the 1977 Communist University", since we had never afforded any such support in the first place. As outsiders, we had simply observed that this event had become, as we said, more intellec-tually open than had been various earlier forums of the same kind. Clear evidence of the accuracy of this observation may be found in this year's initial decision to invite Dr Zhores Medvedev to present a paper on the state of Soviet science. When the leaders of the Com-munist Party prohibited this lecture, our protest was not, as Professor Gould is implying, based upon any previous association whatever with the Communist University, but upon our long and close association with D: Medvedev.

Yours sincerely, KEN COATES, Director, Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation Ltd, Gamble Street,

#### Appropriate enough?

Nottingham,

From Mr David Engleheart Sir, Some years ago a Times head-line "Mirages sold to Libya" gave me much pleasure.

Now, "Lord Carver given the cold shoulder". A foreseeable risk.

Işn't he casing the joint? Yours faithfully, DAVID ENGLEHEART, Moffats School. Worcestershire. November 1.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
November 2: The Queen and The
Duke of Edinburgh, attended by
the Duchess of Grafton, the Hon
Mary Morrison, the Right Hon
Sir Philip Moore, Vice-Admiral
Sir Peter Ashmore. Mr Robert
Fellowes, Mr Romald Allison,
Lieutenant-Colonel Elair StewartWilson, Surgeon-Captain Norman
Blacklock, RN, Air Commodore wisson, Surgeon-Laptain Norman Blacklock, RN, Air Commodore Archie Winskill and Lord Rupert Nevill, arrived at Heathrow Air-port, London, suis evening in a Concorde Aircraft of British Air-ways (Captain N. V. Todd) from Barbados.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Admiral Highness were received by Admiral
Str Charles Madden, Bt (Vice
Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London), His Excellency Mr Cecil
Williams (High Commissioner for
Borbados), His Excellency Mr
Anthony Roberts (High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of
The Batamas), His Excellency the
Hon Paul Martin (High Commissioner for Canada) Doctor Hon Paul Martin (High Commissioner for Canada), Doctor Claudius Thomas (Commissioner for the Eastern Carlibbean), the Right Hon Edmund Dell, MP (Secretary of State for Trade), Mr Ross Stainton (Deputy Chairman, British Airways), Mr Norman Payne (Chairman, British Airports Authority) and Mr Michael King (Director, Heathrow Airport, London).

KENSINGTON PALACE November 2: The Duke of Gloucester opened the Barnet Copthall Swimming Pool and watched swimming displays and demonstrations given by school children of the borough and international swimming stars this afternoon. afternoon. Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 2: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Honorary Colonel of The Royal Yeomany, this morning received Colonel M. St J. V. Gibbs, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieuterant-Colonel the Hon Lieutesant-Colonel the Hon Mr. J. H. Allenby upon relinquishing the appointment as Commanding Officer, and Lieutenaut-Colonel R. N. C. Bingley upon assuming this appointment.

Vircount Linley is 16 years old todur. Viscountees Raynham gave birth to a son in London yesterday. There will be a service of thanks-giving for the life of J. Botchin-son Scott at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, at 12.30 pm on Thursday, November 10, 1977. A memorial service for Keith Goodfellow. QC, will be held on Monday. November 7, in the Temple Church at 4.45 pm. A memorial service will be held for Colonel C. G. Lancaster on Wednesday, November 9, at noon in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London.

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir Allan Adair, 80; Sir Kenneth Corley, 83; Sir Alan Drury, 88; Miss Violetta Elvin, 52; Sir John Hunter, 65; Mr Ludovic Kennedy, 58; Baroness Lee of Asheridge, 73; Sir Srephen McAdden, MP, 70; Major-General Viscount Monckon of Brenchley, 62; Sir Frederick Russell, 80.

#### Eve of session

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host at a reception at 10 Downing Street presentag evening for government ministers on the eve of the opening of Parliament.

United and Cecil Club The United and Cecil Club and the Cariton Club held a reception vesterday to mark the state opening of Parliament. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP. Leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party, received the guests.

Liberal Party An eye of session reception and dinage to Mr David Stoel. MP, and other members of the Liberal Shadow Administration in both Houses of Parliament were held at the National Liberal Club yesterday.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, Nov 3, 1952 From The Times of Monday, Nov 3, 1952
Washington. Nov 1.—A facsimile of a letter that Queen Victoria wrote in 1853 to Mrs Abraham Lincoln expressing deep and heartfelt sympathy on the assassimation of her husband, the President, will be presented on Tuesday to Queen Elizabeth II. Sent from Osborne, isle of Wight, the letter read: Dear Madam.—Though a stranger to you, I cannot remain silent when so terrible a calamity has fallen upon you and your country and must personally express my deep and heartfelt sympathy with you in the shocking circumstances of your present dreadful misfortune. No one can better appreciate than I can, who am myself brokenhearted by the loss of my own beloved husband—who was the light of my life, my stay, my all light of my life, my stay, my all
—what your suffering must be;
and I cardestly pray you may be
supported by Him to whom alone
the sorely stricken can look for
comfort in this hour of heavy affliction. With the renewed ex-pression of true sympathy, I remain, dear Madam, your sincere friend, Victoria R.

#### **Forthcoming** marniages.

and Miss L. A. K. Ormston
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, elder son of
Lord and Lady Rathcreedan, of
Church Field, Fawley, Henley-onThames, Oxfordshire, and Lavinia,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan
Ormiston, of Holford House,
North Chailey, Sussex.

The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Mr A. Bakewell and of Mrs R. Bakewell, of Sheffield, and Ruth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. V. Easter, of Newport, Dyfed.

Mr D. P. L. Cairns and Miss J. A. Smallwood

The engagement is announced be-tween Duncan Philip James, son of Dr and Mrs R. J. Cairus, of Addington, Kent, and Jenuster Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. C. Smallwood, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr R. H. Lloyd and Miss P. M. Davy

The engagement is amounced be-tween Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Lloyd, of Chappel, Col-chester, and Minard, Argyll, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Davy, of Clock House, En-combe, Wareham, Dorset.

Mr R. B. Richards
and Mr<sub>S</sub> M. J. Splers
The engagement is announced
between Ray Richards, of Willow
Pond House, Levens Green,
Hertfordsbire, end Jeanne Splers
(née Montague Browne), of 25
Catherine Place, SW1.

and Miss C. S. Bond

The engagement is announced between John Simon Watson, elder son of Mr and Mrs Keith Stewart, of 22 St Petersburgh Place, W2, and Catherine Stewart, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Gordon Bond, of Heyeswood House, Shiplaks, Oxfordshire.

Mr P. G. Thorne and Miss J. F. Henson The engagement is announced between Peter Geoffrey, only son of the late Mr Geoffrey Thorns and Mrs Edwina Thorne, of Exceet, Devon, and Jane Frances, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs John Henson, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr K. P. Tomlin and Miss S. B. Nisbet The engagement is announced between Keith Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Tomlin, of Highbury, London, and Sara Blair, elder daughter of the late Mr Michael Nisbet and of Mrs Nisbet, also of Highbury.

Marriage

Dr C. B. Dei Mar and Dr V. O'Connor and Dr V. O'Connor
The marriage took piace on Wednesday, November 2, in Mackay,
Queenstand, Australia, between Dr
Christopher Del Mar, son of Mr
and Mrs R. R. Del Mar, of Kansington, and Dr Vivienne O'Conton, daughter of the late Mr
O'Connor and of Mrs O'Connor,
of Hampsmad.

Latest appointments

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Professor Sir Andrew Huxley, FRS, aged 59, Royal Society Research Professor, department of physiology, University College London, to the Agricultural Research Council, in succession to Sir Bernard Rats, FRS, who has retired.
Dr Eric Midwinter, head of the public affairs unit, National Consumer Council, to be chairman of the Transport Users' Consolitative Committee for London until

Ar James Horoby, Headmaner of Clifton College Preparatory School, Bristol, to be chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools for 1978, in succession to Mr Hugh Woodcock; Mr George Mathewson, Headmaster of Clifton Hall School, Newbridge, near Edinburgh, to be vice-chairman.

Church news

The Rev D. C. Sylord, Vicar of Cilles's, Rowley Rogis, diocuse of mingham, to be Vicar of Polesworth, M. Liles's. Rewisy. Riols, diocuse of Simmingham, to be Vicar of Poisswerth, same diocese. Canon F. S. M. Chase, Vicar of Court Wester and Rural Dean of Jarrey, diocese of Burnal Dean of Jarrey, diocese of Roman in the Vicar of Shoreham, diocese of Rochester, to be Rural Doon of Shoreham, diocese of Rochester, to be Rural Doon of Shoreham, diocese of Rochester, to be Rural Doon of Shoreham, diocese of Romanumi, Paddington, diocese of London, to be chaptain of Knazdalan, diocese of Romanumi, Paddington, diocese of London, diocese of Romanumi, Decembring Chaptain of Scarnill House, Skipton, diocese of Shoreham, diocese of Shoreham, chaptain of Scarnill House, Skipton, diocese of Shoreham, diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of Sunintwith, Dostastor, same linese Rey W. A. Janes, Team Vicar of Canton, St. John's, Southend, and Downham, diocese of Southwark, to be Rector of St Varir's, Billoorupsh, and The Rev W. A. Janes, Tesm Vicar of Carteri, St John's, Southend, and Downham, diocese of Southwark, to be Rector of St Viarth's, Bithorough, and Stralley, diocese of Southwell.

The Rev D. S. Mothe, The Vicar of Southwell of the Carterian of Southwell, the Carterian of Stranger, and Joseph Company of the Carterian of St Edmondsbury, and Joseph Charles of Hollinobyuma and peter-in-charge of Hollinobyuma and peter-in-charge

Diocese of Lichfield 

Diocese of Wakefield
The Rev J. C. Gore, Rector of
Elland, and Campa of Lineke, to be
Rural Dean of Brightonse and Erland.
The Rev J. A. Richardson, Vicar of
Lindwalte, to be Rural Dean og Blackmoorfoot.

### Science report

Geology: Evidence of lost continent

A continent: may have existed 225 million years ago in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and now be widely scattered around the globe. That is the conclusion of Dr A. Nur, of Stanford University, Callfornia, and Dr Z. Ben-Avraham. of the Welxmann lastitute. Israel, in a paper published in Nuture.

The best way to understand the process by which that could occur is to consider the present African/Arabian land-mass. Fifty million years ago it was one complete block, not cut by a Red Scn. East African Rift Valley or Guif of Aden. Since then deep movements in the Earth have led to those fissures and they are very slowly widening as hot rock injected into the rift gradually shoulders aside the Continental fragments.

A new ocean is thus being formed, and in handreds of million years will be stimulated and Araba will be west Africa and Araba will be fragments pushed aside by the fragments pushed aside by the fragments pushed aside by the regent of the pashed aside by the recomments pushed aside by the fragments pushed aside by the regent of the pashed aside by the recomments pushed aside by the fragments pushed aside by the regent of the pacific. Sometimes to the process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been and have been along the hard process of the pacific has been along the hard process of the pacific has been along the hard process of the pacific has been and process of the pacific has been along the process of the pacific has been along the h

fragments.

A new ocean is thus being formed, and in hundreds of millions of years' time East Africa, West Africa and Arabia will be well separated. If any of those fragments pushed aside by the new ocean runs iaro another continent the resulting collision,

and the frozen-in magnetic field often suggests an origin far distant from the present location.

C Nature-Times News Service, 1977.



#### Luncheon

Pipeline Industries Guild
The annual luncheon of the Pipeline Industries Guild was held at
the Communit Rooms yesterday.
Sir Kirby Laing, president, was in
the chair, assisted by Mr Colin
Fallman. Holloway, deputy chairman.

Dinners

Woolmen's Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs, was the guest of
bonour at a livery dinner last
right at Painters' Hall, given by
the Master of the Woolmen's Company. Lieutenant-Commander
Michael Gibert, and the Wardens.
The speakers were the Lord
Mayor, the Master, Mr Terence
Higgins, MP, Lieutenant-Commander David Humble and Mr
C. N. Peckett, Under Warden.

The Masons' Company's annual livery dinner to the associated companies was held at Mercers' Hall yesterday evening. The Master, Mr R. J. B. McCarthy, presided, and other speakers were Mr Michael Clark, past-president, Royal Society of British Sculptors; Mr H. A. Woellwarth, Renter Warrien; and Air Vice-Marshal Mr H. A. Woellwarth, Renter Warden; and Air Vice-Marshal C. M. Clementl, Master of the Mercers' Company.

Anglo-Netherlands Society Anglo-Netherlands Society
The Anglo-Netherlands Society
held its annual dinner and dance
at the Savoy Hotel yesterday
evening. The guests of honour
were Mr Peter Wilson, Dr H. R.
Hoetink and Sir Oliver Millar.
Members and guests were received
by Lord Inchyra, president, and
Mrs Hugh McClure Smith, chairman, Among those present were:
The Neiherlands Ambasador and Mino
Fact, Later Inchyra, Mrs K. R. Hoetink,
later Millar; the Hon Sir Clive Savson,
Sir John and Locy Barase, Sir David
and Lady Orr, and Mr and Mrs D. de
Bruyne.

Eton dinner

J. H. L. Lambert's
Mr J. H. L. Lambert's old boys
dined at Grocers' Hell last night.
Mr Lambart was present. Dr
Mordaunt Richards was in the
chair and Mr Richard Edds proposed the health of Mr Lambert.

75th anniversary

To mark the seveny-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, its successor, the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps will hold a support night next Thursday for retired members who served in France during the First World War.

Diocese of London

The Rev J. Donais, Vicur of John
Kebie's Mill Hill and Rural Dean of
West Barnet, and the Rev H. Fourn,
Vicure of Holy Trinity, Northwood, to
be prebendaries of Si Paul's Cathearta,
Prebendary G. G. Oakley, lately
Vicur of Willesshat and Rural Dean of
Bront and the Rev F. C. Tyler, lately
Vicur of Rillwardon, to be probundaries
emerial of St Paul's Catheoral.

Diocese of Manchester
The Rev S. M. Bannister. Wear of
Nank's, Bury, to be Vicar of St Mary
with St Peter's, Odham.
The Rev P. Kerr. Curate of St Joha
the Evangetist's, Cambridge, and assist-

# Turner engravings for Somerset House

the conservation of paintings if the national institutions agreed to display Turners at Somerset

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter Someriset House, which the Tate Gaffery said last week was unsuitable for use as an important Turner museum, is to mount an exhibition of Turner's engraved.

Permission for the exhibition, which will include 350 works, including watercolours, was given to the Turner Society by the Department of the Environment last week.

week.

Mr Al Well, secretary of the society, said last night: "We were told that as far as the department were concerned we could proceed with an exhibition. We have to make it official : that could proceed with an exhibition. We have to make k official: that is, that we are prepared to meet the necessary requirements and give a starting daze.

"We hoped to make k the end of December but we ran into the problem of the time it takes to get loans from museums. What we propose is to use the upper floors of Somerset House, not the Fine Rooms, because the items we hope to exhibit are so small. We are trying very hard for an opening date of February 1."

In a statement published in The Times on Friday the trustees of the Take repeated their opposition to Somerset House as a permanent home for Turpers to be displayed. Thay spoke of lack of space, fire risk, damp and atmospheric pollution. Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, said last Wednesday that he would make the Fine Rooms suitable for

Memorial service Mr C, B. H. Colquboun Mr C, B. H. Colquboun
A memorial service for Mr Brian
Colquboun was held at Sr
Margaret's, Westminstar, yesterday, Canon David Edwards
officiated, assisted by the Rev
W. P. Remison. Mr High
O'Domell, senior partner, Brian
Colquboun and Partners, read the
lesson, and Major-General James
Barnetson gave an address. Among
those present were:
Mrs Colquboun (widow), Mr and Mrs
Robin Colquboun (widow), Mr and Mrs

Latest wills Mr Frank Bainbridge, of Crompton, Lancashire, company director, left £304,428. After bequests of £26,500 and of some shares he left the residue equally between the Cancer Research Campaign and British Wireless for the Blind.

Other estates include (net before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Brown, Dr. John, of Croydon, education officer to the London County Council, 1981-95 1884,258 Troiman-Dickenson, Mr. Edward Newton, of Airesford, cotton manufacturer 1815,729 Goodwin, Miss Ethel Carrie, of Mark Cross 1905,201 Hardy, Mrs Rhoda Mary Whicher, of Rotherfield 171,361 Manu, Mrs Edith Etsie, of East Miss Alice Jane Nivison, of Frog-nal, Loudon, daughter of the first Lord Glandyne, left £542,955

University news

Oxford
Dr Rebecca Posner, MA, DPhil (Oxon), reader in the department of languages, York University, has been appointed to the professorship of Romance languages. She is to succeed Professor Roy tarris, who has been elected to the newly created professorship of general linguistics. Awards and elections:

R. R. Highfield, chemistry: C. A. Moss, ensineering: T. C. Reynolds, geography: J. A. Moss, ensineering: T. C. Reynolds, geography. ST PETER'S COLLEGE. Official fellowable as unior in geology: H. G. Restings Man (PhD Durham), university fellowship as unior in geology: M. G. Coe. MA (1886. PhD Lond), university fellowship as turn in property of the college, formerly of Bardon Perveril C: R. M. H. Jarrett, Unilever Exhibitioner of the college, formerly of Birkenheed S: R. P. A. Marcus, Bracepirdle Exhibitioner of the college, formerly of Registry of Commoner of the college, formerly of Registry of Registry of the college, formerly of Registry of Registry of Scholarship: Miss S. B. Krane, commoner of the college, formerly of Registry of City of Lundon S. Belling Scholarship: Miss R. V. Simpson, commoner of the college, formerly of Old Palace S, Cruydon.

St Andrews Appointments :

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Lecturers: P. M. Caser, BA, PhD
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and Microsure, St Mary's College: C.
Donaldson, BSc, PhD (Sr Androves),
Peology: R: G. M. Morris, 'M.
(Carnabb Bphil (Susser), psychology,
and G. R. Nelson, BSc (St Andrews),
comparational Science, all in St
Satvator's College.

Edinburgh
Mr A. M. Currie, BA. BLin, registrar
and secretary of Sheffield University,
has been appointed secretary to the
interestry from October 1 1973, on
the retirement of Mr C. R. Stewart. Other appointments:
Senior Locturers: D. C. Carter, MB.
Chb. and T. V. Taylor, MB. ChB. MD.
Chb. and T. V. Taylor, MB. ChB. MD.
Chb. and T. V. Taylor, MB. ChB. MD.
Chb. and BM. BCR. medicine, Western
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BA. MA. BM. BCR. medicine, Western
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London
Mr D. Bishop, Under-Secretary,
Local Roads and Transportation
Department of Transport—has
been appointed to the London
Master Builders Chair of Building
at University College from January 1.

Dr H. L. Shergold, BSc, PhD, has
been appointed to the readership
in mineral technology at Imperial
College.
Conferences of titles

Conferment of titles
Professors: Pharmacology: A. Bennett,
Beharm. MPS. PhD. DSC. King's
College Hose Med S. Forward: medicinaD. A. L. Bowen, BChk. MA. DPath,
Charles Cross Hose Med S. Latus: E.
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PhD. J.SE. Clinical enzymology. Med S.
PhD. J.SE. Clinical enzymology.
Moss. BA. MA. MSC. PhD. DSc. Royal
Postgraduate Mod S. Economics:
J. N. J. Muelibaudy, BA. MA. PhD.
Birkbeck C. Pure mathematics: B. A. F.
Worlffitz, BSc. PhD. Queen Mary C.
Resdess: French literature: R. N. N.
Raßey, i. es i. 38. PhD. Birkbeck C.
Finnish iriguing and tierzure, M. A.
Branch. BA. PhD. 9 of Slavonic and
Fast Environn. Studies. MD. Witversity.
C. Histology: G. Gabella. MD. University.
C. Hoschonistry: I. R. Johnston. BSc.
MS. B. Duff, BSc. PhD. University.
C. Beachenlary: I. R. Johnston. BSc.
MS. PhD. Miller C. Chemistry.
BA. PhD. King's C. Chemistry.
B. Saunders. BSc. PhD. MB. BS.
University C. Food physics: P. SherPh. M. B. S. BSC. MSC. DSC. Queen Elizabeth Conferment of titles

Grants

# for pair of Venetian busts

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent A fine pair of marble blacks moor busts, a turbanned man add a girl with a bare breast, des-cribed as eighteenth-century Venecribed as eighteenth-century venetian pieces, were sold at Sotheby's Belgravia yesterday for £22,000 (estimate £4,000 to £7,000) to Kilmarnoc SA, of Genera. Sotheby's seem to have been somewhat unsure about the date of the pieces.

Two circular raise of hiests were sure about the date of the pieces. Two similar pairs of busts were sold in the Mentmore sale in May, described as second half of the seventeenth century, for £28,000 and £32,000. The busts are an inspired collage of different coloured marbles.

The sale also included an ormaly-mounted purple heart side-

The sale also included an ormolu-mounted purple heart side-cabinet by Emile Guillemin of the late nineteenth century in eighteenth-century style at £11,500 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000), to D. Jay. The front of the cabinet, 2 door, is embellished with a large copper plaque embossed in full relief with a scantily clothed Juno. Other notable prices included £8,000 (estimate £4,000 to £7,000) to D. Jay for a mineteenth-century cupboard in the style of Charles Crescent, encrusted with glit-metal cherubs, animals and scrolls. A fine marble sculpture of Ruth by Orazio Andreoni, 46 inches high, on a marble pedestal, went to G. N. C. Galleries at £5,000 (estimate £5,000 to £9,000). The sale totalled £197,035, with 3 per cent unsold.

totalled 2197,135, wim 5 per tent unsold.

In New York on Thesday, Sotheby Parke Bernet sold the library of the late Mangaret Raiston Gest on behalf of Beaver College, Pennsylvania, for a total of £101,840, with no lots unsold. The library was rich in natural history books, which sold particularly well. Buffon's Histoire Naturella des Oiscaux, with ravishing hand-coloured plates, published in Paris between 1770 and 1786, made \$32,500 (estimate \$14,000 to \$18,000) or £17,567, to william Dawson, of London, John Gould's rare Humming-Birds with supplement made \$20,000 me national institutions agreed to display Turners et Somerset House.

Mr Welll said the exhibition would illustrate a significant aspect of Turner's work: his inspiration to ninety engravers. He hoped the British Museum would lend watercolours because they would show the whole process of how Turner arrived at the designs for the engravings.

"Theoretically", he said, "the whole exhibition could be borrowed from the British Museum. They have watercolours; a fine collection of all the engraved art, and sketch books. But if they take too long we are also trying to borrow from the United States, from the Fitzwilliam Museum, and there are quite a few private people who have fine engravings and letters from Turner to the engravers."

The chalrman of the trustess of the Tate and National galleries and the British Museum are meeting tomorrow to discuss the Turner Bequest and Somerset House. The Turner Society hopes its exhibition will demonstrate the value of a small rotating exhibition in the building.

That has been supported by Lady Birk, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, who has said the intention was never for a large-scale takeover of Turner by Somerset House but for a modest display of 50 works at a time.

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Birds with supplement made \$20,000 (Christie's were selling fine jewels in London yesterday in a sale totalling £206,060, with 3 per cent unsold. An important sapphire-and-diamond bracelet made £23,000 (estimate £9,000 to £10,000) while S. J. Phillips paid £10,000 (estimate £3,500 to £4,500) for a peridot, diamond and gold parties. for a pe

Today's engagements The Queen opens Parliament,

11.30.
The Duke of Gloucesser opens day centre for elderly and handkgapped, Wellingborough, and visits Arudale shopping and waits Arminis shopping centre, Croyland Abbey and Tithe Barn, 10.45, Princess Alexandra opens Williams Court, fisitets of Royal British Legion Housing Association, Narberth, Dyfed, 2; and naw magistrates court, Neath, West Glamprigan, 3.55.

The Lord Mayor of London presides at Court of Common Council, Goldshell, 1.

London Weish Annual Remambrance Singing Festival, Westminger Chapel, Buckington, S. O.

brance Singing Festival, West-minister Chapel, Buckingham Gens, 7.30. St. Okare's, Herr Street: Readings from Diary of Samuel Papys, I. St. Pani's Cathédeal: Finel cele-brity recital, by Noci Raws-thorne, to mark rebuilding of Ongan, S.

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mus for Defence Studies at Dark-mouth House yesterday on arms control and human rights. Those taking part included Lord Elton, Mr Robert D. Blackwill (American Empassy), Mr Kariheinz Koppe (German Society for Peace and Conflict Research) and Mr Geoffrey Stern.

Meeting Artists' General Senevolent '

Trotman-Dickenson, Mr Edward Newton, of Airesford, cotton manufacturer \$156,729 Goodwin, Mrs Ethel Carrie, of Mark Cross \$105,201 Heardy, Mrs Rhoda Mary Whicher, of Rotherfield \$277,361 Artists Grenari Heardy, Mrs Roith Elsle, of East Namn, Mrs Edith Elsle, of East Grenari House, yesterday.

Belfast Belfast
A grant of \$100,000 (about f55,550) has been received from the Ford Foundation for an intermitversity research programme in the social sciences over three years. It will be directed by a commistre of economists, sociologists and political edennists from universities and research institutes in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, under the chairmanship of Professor R. D. C. Black.

Other grants include : 1 sales grants undings; studies on heryon control of smooth muscle on respiratory sirvays, under Dr. C. T. Kutharitt. 216,772 from Science Research Council; grant agreement driving cell cycle of algae, under Dr. C. J. John.

Appointments
Locators: Law. P. E. Phillips, LLM
(Marci, MA (Warw): electrical and
electronic engineering, J. G. Doberty,
MS. Ph. (Beh?: physical education,
LC. M. (Bernal), MA (Bernal), MA
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RS. (Brach), Myricaltural and Young
Chemisary, N. J. (Bull, BSc., Nogl.);
MS. (Bernal), MS.
Levi, BS.
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Ulster
Dr G. T. Best, senior research
associate at the centre for atmospheric research at Lavell University, Massachusetts, has been
appointed professor of physics,
and Professor P. Morebo-Williams,
of Cape Coast University has been
appointed professor of sociology
and social antiropology.

# £22,000 paid | OBITUARY

# MR ROBERT POWELL

Fluent dancer Mr Robert Powell, one of the most notable American dancers of his generation; died in New York on October 24. He was 36.

Born in Honolulu, he first studied dancing when his family moved to the west coast of the United States, then won a scholarship to the High School of Performing Arts in New York. He began his professional career in José Limon's com-pany but continued studying at the Martha Graham School and was soon one of her dancers, becoming a soloist before long and later for a time one of her assistant directors.

Striking beauty of appearance and exceptionally fluent grace made Powell an outstanding dancer: Among the roles Graham created for him which were seen during the company's London seasons, those in Secular Games and Circe were particularly admired.

Powell danced with several Powell danced with several other companies, including those of Paul Taylor, Louis Falco and Alvin Ailey. He was the original Brighella in Glen Tetley's Pierrot Lunaire. In the early days of London Contemporary Dance Theatre he was a frequent and welcome guest. Robert Cohan created the central role in Cell for him and he tral role in Cell for him and he had a solo in Anna Sokolow's Scenes to the Music of Charles

Ives.

Sadly, personal problems prevented him from continuing and developing the exceptional promise of his youth, and his performing career dwindled too soon. Lately he had been teaching in New York.

MAJ-GEN W. F. HASTED

Major General W. F. Hasted, CB, CIE, CBE, DSO, MC, who CB, CIE, CBE, DSO, MC, who was a Royal Engineer officer in charge of airport construction in wartime India and engineering operations in Burma, and became Controller of Aerodromes in Britain, died on October 29 at the aga of 79.

From Cheltenham College, Cambridge University and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, William Freke Hasted was commissioned in the Royal Engineers at the age of 18, won the MC in the First World War and later was on the staff at and letter was on the staff at the War Office and instructed

and tater was on the start at the War Office and instructed in military engineering at Woolwich and in Canada.

Having served in India and in frontier operations from 1936, he was Commanding Officer, RE in Waziristan when the Second World Wer broke out and, with one break at Northern Command in 1941, served throughout that war in India, Iraq, Persia, Burma and at HQ South East Asia.

As Deputy Engineer in Chief, India, ite had charge of a £100m programme for building over 200 airfields, depots and stations in India; and as Chief Engineer of the 14th Army in Burma he was responsible for constructing 59 airfields. At South East Asia HQ he was from 1945-46 Chief Engineer, Allied Land Forces, and promoted Major-General; and promoted Major-General; and in the next year he was Engineer in-Chief, India, the

lest holder of that appointment under the British Raj. He was made CBE in 1940, CIE in 1943, and CB in 1946. As Controller of Aerodromes under the Ministry of Civil Aviation 1947-48 he developed and administered State-owned airports in Britain and advised airports in Britain and advised on those in the Colonial Empire. Redring in 1948, he was for a time President of Loughborough College, and from 1952 to 1954 was in the Persian Gulf as Controller of Development, Kuwait, where he influenced policy leading to the more modern character of Kuwait.

W. F. Hassed played hockey for England in 1923 and at times represented the Army and the Combined Services.

SIR WILLIAM MURRAY

Sic William Patrick Keith Murray, the eleventh Baroner, was found dead yesterday after gunshot wounds. He was 38 and succeeded his father; the late Sir Patrick Ian Keith Murray, in 1962.

Sir Patrick Ian Keich Murray, in 1962.

The Murray estate at Ochiertyre, near Crieff, Perthshire, formerly covered more then 14,000 acres, and in the 1960s the young baronet farmed, like his family before him, and had considerable success in raising prize-winning Hereford cartle. In 1972 he founded his Ochiertyre Theatre in the grounds. In 1972 he founded his Ochrer-tyre Theaire in the grounds, and gave it an ambitious start with imaginative selection of plays and other entertainment which, however, proved too ambitious for the scale on which a theatre with 100 seats could operate. Land was sold to keep the theatre going, and the last stage production was a year ago. However, the theatre went on, heing used for television enterbeing used for television enterbeing used for relevision enter-tainment, such as shows relying on informal interviews with interesting people, and these uses were to have continued. Sir William was twice married and leaves a son, the heir to the baronetcy, who was given the same names as his paternal grandfather.

Dr Maurice Elgie Shaw, senior member of the Association of Physicians and the British Society of Gastro-enterologists, died in institul on Ocsober 31 at the age of 83. He had been President of the International Committee for Life Associate Medicine and Medical Cherrman of the Pensions Appeal Trabunal. He was also a former Physician and dean of medical school in the West London Hospital.

Lady Greenfield, wife of Sir Harry Greenfield, wife of Sir Giel, died on November 1 as 1 Dr Maurice Elgie Shaw,

paternal grandfather.



### M ROGER POINCELET French jockey's Derby win

M Roger Poincelet, the French jockey who won over 3,000 races in his own country and in Britain, died in a Paris hospital on Tuesday. He was 57 and had been ill for a long

time. In England Roger Poincelet will not easily be forgotten because of his spectacular victory on Psidium in the 1961 Derby. Poincelet was on the less-favoured of two stable com-panions, Psidium and Sovrango, which finished first and fourth respectively. Poincelet kept Psidium at the back of the field all the way uphill and as far as Tattenham Corner, but took his mount far on the outside and sprang a tremendous surprise on sprang a tremendous surprise on the whole Derby scene, and on the field, when the light blue and pink spots of Mrs Arpad Plesch's Psidium came through to win at 56 to 1-the longest odds against a Derby winner for 48 years.

Desmond Stoneham writes: News of the death of Roser News of the death of Roger Poincelet has cast a gloom over the French racing fraternity. During his remarkable career Poincelet had nearly every European classic to his credit. He first appeared in the winners' enclosure when he partnered Manchurla to victory for Prince Alv Khan on May 17. Prince Aly Khan on May 17, 1937. He had success over the jumps before his remarkable flat career began. As a flat race jockey he won three Arc de Triomphes, the same number of Grand Prix de Paris, was twice victorious in the Prix du Jockey Club, partnered three winners of the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and two of the Prix Saint-Cloud, and two of the Prix de Diane.

In England, Poincelet won five classics. He took the 2,000 Guiness with Thunderhead II in 1952, the 1,000 Guiness and Oaks with Never Too Late II in 1960, the 1963 1,000 Guineas with Hulz Dencer, as well as the 1961 Epson: Derby with Psidium.

In 1971 Poincelet was ap-pointed trainer to M Marcel Boussac for whom he had ridden many winners. Of the many successful horses this permership produced. Dankaro, which won the Prix Daru, was

All people connected with acing in France and elsewhere will greatly miss this wonder

#### DR LAWRENCE KIMPTON.

Dr Lawrence Alphens Kimpton, a former Chancellor of the University of Chicago, has died at the age of 67.

His veried career took him His varied career took him out of the purely academic field in Deep Springs College, California, and of the Chair of Manhematics and Philosophy in the University of Kansas City, it is immerse him in the administration of important aspects of the "Manhattan Project." of the "Manhattan Project", the name which concealed work for the provision of the atomic bomb. Kimpton's field lay behind important metallurgical aspects of the work at the University of Chicago, and lasted from 1943 to 1944. Afterwards he remained in that university as Professor of Philosophy and Education (1946-47), and Vice-President in Charge of Development (1950-51), and at the same time he was Dean of Students and Professor of Philosophy at Stanford University (1947-50). For the new decade, from 1951 to 1960, he was both Chancellor and Professor of Philosophy at Chicago University.

During the 1960s he was associated with the Standard Oil (Indiana) company, of which Oil (Indiana) company, of which he had already been a director, and he filled successively the posts of Executive, Vice-president and finally Assistant to the Chairman of the Board, retiring in 1971. He had also held railway directorships and was an hon trustee of both the Museum of Science and Industrial in the Newherm I the activity of the least the latest the lates try and in the Newberry Library at the University of Chicago. He was awarded honorary doctorates by several univer-

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#### SIR RALPH METCALFE

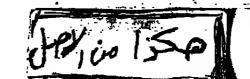
Sir Ralph- Ismay Metcalfewho held important Covernment posts in the direction of shipping throughout the Secon World War, died yesterday at the age of 81.

He was born in May, 1896.
and educated at King Educated
VI School, Southampton. Airsi
Admiralty civilian service and
active service in the RFC and RAF he joined the shipping company, Win Cory & Son Ltd, a concern of which he became director for many years until

In 1939 he joined what became the Ministry of War Transport as Director of Tan-ker Division, and from 1942-45 he was Director of Sea Trans-port. He was decorated by the Prench, Netherlands and Bel.

Harry Greenwood, RBE, CSI, died on November Lag. French, Netherlands and Beithe age of 82. She was Hida gian Governments.
Adeline, daughter of John Wil.—Sir Ralph Metcalfe was a
kinson and she was married in, member of the Port of London.

1931.—Authority 1949-67.





# Revelations in 'early music'

term is by now more generic than literal are becoming an increasingly regular part of the

recent meetings held at the new-town complex Agora, at new-town complex Agora, at Evry, half an hour by train south of Paris. There M Pierre-Heuri de Mun brought together, from France, Germany, the United States and elsewhere (including Charles Beare from England), people who had all cousidered, in different ways, the music of the Viennese Classical period, from Haydn to Schubert. Some talked about instruments, from the standinstruments, from the stand-point of restorers or specialist point of restorers of specialists, performers; some about general interpretative matters; and some about editions, texts and

As I was able to arrive only in time to pick the fruits—to hear the final concert, that is hear the final concert, that is—
I cannot comment on the conference itself except to say that
everyone I spoke to beened
stimulated by the contact with
others approaching like questions from unlike angles. The
concert itself provided further
stimulation. Half of it was given
on the piano by Jörg Demus,
using an early nineteenth-century English instrument, by
Tomkinson, and a modern copy
of it. The first lesson to be
learnt was that copying a design
does not necessarily mean copydoes not necessarily mean copy-ing a tone quality. Whether the huilder had in this case done as most modern builders do, and permitted himself the use it certain modern technologies and materials. I do not know cand it is desperately difficult for the modern instrument-maker to pretend that some of the problems are unsoived, when they aren't, and use ex-pensive and laborious ancient methods that can now easily be chcumvented). But certainly the now instrument wanted the narmth, and especially the evenness of blend of registers, of the old one. But unlike the old one it stayed in tune. Mr Demus chose his pro-gramme well. Mozart's C minor

Fantasy has more variety of piano textures within 10 minures than any other work of the time I can call to mind, and it benefited in particular from the different qualities of tone (as opposed simply to quantities, as on a modern plano)—the cloudy wash of certain soft passages, the

Conferences on the performance of early music. I use notestion marks because the ment is technically superior in that level and colour are not uretrievably interlined is of course true: but this was more little the instrument whose

increasingly regular part of the musical scene Musical, nor just in musical scene Musical, nor just in musicological: for this is a meeting ground for people with different trainings, attitudes, skills and preoccupations, and the cross-fertilization can do nothing but good.

Organizers of future conferences of this kind might profitably learn from the approach essayed by the Fondation pour l'Art et la Recherche at their recent meetings held at the new-town complex. Agora, at Evry, half an hour by train south of Paris, There M Pierre-Heuri de Mun brought together, from France, Germany, the United States and elsewhere instrument compelled one to think anew about the temper of the music. Its capacity for almost impressionistic washes of sound, for repeated cinoris that represented not forcible restatements but soft reitarations, made the traditional angry, dynamic Beethoven seem an irrelevance. The music sounded poetic and graceful, and resoundingly rich in those warm E major harmonies in the second movement. Perhaps modern instruments mislead us about the nature of Beethoven's originality. instrument compelled one to

originality.
In the Beethoven instrumental In the Beethoven instrumental sonatas that followed particular interest resided in the balance. A modern piano at fortissimo will cover enything a horn or a cello can reasonably offer; this one can sound emphatic but remains aurally translucent. The horn in the Op 17 sonata was played, superbly, by Hermann Baumann; he used a valveless instrument, of course, narrower of bore than a modern narrower of bore than a modern one, and drew from it a sturdy yet fine line of tone, with a covered quality on chromatic and other non-natural notes because they can be produced only by hand-stopping. The degree of "cover", however, he could vary, according to their musical sense; and one became sware that Beethoven placed such notes as he did with these quality differences in mind. So, once again, we can "improve" the smoothness and evenness by using modern valve instruments, narrower of bore than a modern using modern valve instruments, but only at the expense of a part of Baethoven's intention.

The cello sonata Op 69 was less hoppy; Dmitry Markévitch's bow technique and his feeling for tone quality seemed uncertainty related to the period instrument has been seen as the control of the period instrument has been seen as the control of the period instrument has been seen as the control of the period instrument has been seen as the control of the period instrument has been seen as the control of the period instrument has been seen as the control of the period in the certainly related to the period instrument he was using musically though he played. Perhaps this emphasized that, even for the Classical period, authenticity has to be a package deal, and that any split in the package is liable to give rise to a wholly new range of automalies.

Stanley Sadie



# The painter who likes working with craftsmen

John Piper, whose lettest exhibition of Victorian Dreampalaces and other buildings in landscape is on show at Meriborough Fine Art in Albemerie Street, W1 till November 26. has many educaters and many friends, or "pals" as he likes to call them andividually. But he tends to have been perred on the head by the critics and

on the head by the critics and dismissed as an agreeable lightweight who has spread himself a bit thin, "an artist of some importance and much charm,", and so on.

"Oh absolutely," he agrees when one puts this tectfully to him. "I don't mind, really. I'm so used to it. All painters and aculptors have to pur upwith some kind of comment of that kind. But I don't think it's any more offensive to be that kind. But I don't think it's any more offensive to be regarded as a lightweight than as being on the wrong track."

It is perfectly true, he concedes, that he has done all kinds of things—fillustrations, opera sens, stained giass, mpeatry, among others, in addition to painting—some of them ephemeral and some, like

LPO/Weller

Festival Hall

Max Harrison

One does not associate Beet-troven with blandness, yet it was a very stodgy performance of his Leomora No 3 Overture with which the London Philharmonic Orchestra under Walter Weller began Tuesday's concert. The

slow introduction was passive, and a quickening of tempo led to no incresse of animation; even such events as the off-stage

trumpet passages made only a fraction of their usual effect.

Deep emotion can flow beneath a calm surface, but not on this

Again, no talk of Brahms's Concerto No 1 as a "symptony for orchestra with piano" disposes of the fact that Sir Clifford Curson was too often insudible during the first movement. Tone there was livide.

ment. True, there was little shape to Mr Weller's accompaniment (and subsidiary orchestral detail behind the

soloist was often poorly con-trolled). But the real point is that Sir Clifford did not pro-

The piano recital given on Tues-day by Steven Mayer, the New

Yorker, was his first in London, but he is someone we may well

soon hear again. His several prizes include a fourth at the

Busoni contest, where musi-cianship rates as highly as vir-

Steven Mayer

Purcell Room

Joan Chissell

is a rudderless dingly."

Driving through an autommal blane of beech and birch to the Pipers' isolated farmhouse at Fawley Bomon, near Hensey, is rether like derving through a selection of his landscapes, from which automic colours often gleam. He inherited the house from his mother, and he and his wife Myfarwy have lived for 40 years and brought up their four children there. With his tall, very lean and erect figure, white hair and deep-set eyes under dark eye-brows, he is at 73 a striking in aspect, relaxed and friendly in manner, a man who seems fulfilled and without multice.

poser Alma Hoddmott. Piper's main studio, which doubles as nelaxing room (it is a large former cowshed) contains a large record coffection eloquent of the entire family's deep passion for music.

While some painters seem to resent architecture, Piper is a water pal John Berje, as he calls him, from whom he took over the editorship of the life, developed through the war during which, after a torully abstract prewar period, he did something caffed Recording Britann—a record in drawings of places which might be bombed.

duce the decisively ringing tone and majestic phrasing that he has led us to expect from him in such works.

There were indeed many inaccuracies in the first movement, some of them extremely obvious and in close succession. There were also, as in any interpretation by Sir Clifford, some notable insighus, mainly in the slow movement, and he was more secure in the last movement than in the first.

More welcome altogether,

More welcome altogether, though, was a rare chance to hear Prokofier's Symphony No 4, which, like the Brahms con-

certo, underwent a variety of changes before reaching its

First heard in 1930, it

not a success and remained un-published. Prokotiev subjected

published. Prokotiev subjected it to a drastic revision, which considerably increased its length, in 1947, and that version has supplanted the original. The score is full of piquant ideas, and received an attractively decisive performance from Mr Weller. Yet the result seems overblown, the accesses of intensity not really

accesses of intensity not really earned by the music's growth.

since of this little half. Some-times his tone seemed unduly robust, insufficiently luminous, But the interpretation had

But the interpretation had character. In the funking movements he again tempted providence in choice of tempo, but kept such a hold on rhythm that mothing sounded gabbied or confused. In the first movement he certainly allowed episodes the time they needed to bring contrast. One or two chords in the Romanze were not perfectly balanced, but there was the right blend of expressiveness and simplicity.

expressiveness and simplicity.

The intermezzo was splendidly

From America he brought a Ballade Op 46, by Samuel Barber, hitherto unperformed in England, Following hard on the

heels of Carl Ruggles's Evoca-tions (1954) the Ballade sounded more neo-Romantic

than new. But it was true piano music and immediately

communicative. Both works showed Mr Mayer's ear for

tone-colour at its keenest. The

three movements from Pet-roushka, Much of it was bril-liant, although parts (notably in the final fair scene) seemed

And he is constantly finding marriage. Mylanwy edited the new interests: his latest is potpresent art magazine Aris; while her husband designed the sets for most of Benjamin The fact is that he haves while her husband designed the sets for most of Banjamin he is not a natural craftsman himself, and feels that this is something he can reasonably do, having spent a long time working our his salvation at an easel. "Painting is the basis of everything. Without that, one is a radderless dingly."

Driving shrough an autommal

The stained glass windows The stained glass windows go back to a childhood visit to Chartres. He has done some 50 of these now (the Baptistry window in Covenary Cathedral, completed 1962, helped him rowards a modest nomriety), and has been asked to design the chapel of the new Robinson College in Cambridge.

son College in Cambridge.

Money came very slowly.

None of his abstract pictures was sold. A wartime touring exhibition with Sutherland and Moore helped his reputation, and postwar shows at the Leicester Gellery did not do too badly—but if six paintings sold for £30 or £40, that did not leave much for the next two years. It was only when Marl-borough took him over in the early 1960s that he became "relatively affluent", as he puts it. There is a comage in Pembrokeshire and 75 acres up the road, where a con lives. But they trake their own bread and live frugally.

"It's still a bit dicy. It's stways a bit dicy, whether one sells or not. But I like it that way," he says, with conviction.

way," he says, with conviction.

Roger Berthout

# London debuts

The drastic revision of his set- Two singers recently were tings of Petrarch Sonners British ex-students of the RAM. which List made in 1883 was The baritone, David Wilsonalmost composed against the Johnson (winner of the familiar version of over forty 1977 National Federation of years eatlier, contradicting its Music Societies' award) was smooth contours with unexpected chrometicisms, unpreassuaging, lyrical tone throughour a considerable dynamic range and his sensitive artistry and ability to hold an audience captive in a variety of styles, from Boyce and Mozart to the present. There were many harmonies. Graham Titus's performance was rather too consistently emphasic for such mysteriously inconclusive present. There were many memorable romantic intimacies in Lieder by Brahms, though the voice itself increasingly did what he wanted as confidence grew, not least in a group of Duparc after the interval.

Vaninne Parker's soprano woice was as pure and prenty as a silken thread, delightful in Arne's "Softly flow thou silver stream" and very acceptable in Purcell and Mozart, too. even if the demonstrative. music, though his baritone voice was firm and well con-trolled. Next came the first concert performance of Prison Cycle, a joint venture by Alan of this work, written in 1939, has only just been rediscovered, and it consists of dour

settings, in German, of texts by Ernst Toller. The two Rawsthothe songs are superior to the three Bush yet still give few hints of the character of his best work. Mr Titus, with Erik Levi at the piano, gave an appropriately stern performance. too, even if the demonstrative, wide-ranging and of "Parto, parto" (from La Clemenza di parto" (from La Clemenza di Tito) posed a few problems. Naturally Chausson and Duparc suited her better than the austere fervour of Beethoven's Gellert songs, though tone was not always voluptuous enough for "L'Invitation au voyage" or biting enough for "Le Manoir de Rosemonde". In Wolf she had style and charm even if characterization still peeds to ripen. This enterprising debut programme also included Szymanowski's Songs Op 54, which are entirely successful in their complexly sensuous, almost ecstatic, response to verses by James Joyce. Yet one suspects

that the poet would not have liked them and for the same reason that Goethe was unresponsive to Schubert's settings of his verse, namely that the music takes complete possession of the words. Mr Titus sang them with a refined sense of the models in lines. The American pianist Harries Serr arrived not as a youngster but a musician of mature years, her wrists as sturdy as her sense of direction was strong. Brahms's Handel Variations, Mussorgsky's Pictures and the of the melodic lines novel first movement of Beethoven's strange and rich harmonies that envelop them. A link with Op 111 for the most part responded to her thrust even if this late Szymanowski work is provided by the quasi-oriental melismata of Rachmaninov's early "Ne poi krasavitsa", which Mr Titus delivered in the proper forthright manner. now and again needing more time to breathe. Occasionally her touch seemed unnecessar ily robust, as in Beethoven's slow movement (particularly the episode in Wills) and some of Debussy's Suite Bergamas-que too. But though it may have lacked an element of mystery and magic, the recital was summissing in its purpose-Another debut was by the harpsichordist Joseph Payne, in the first of two recitals curi-ously entitled "The Art of Suite" (the second of which will be on Friday). Each half

fulness. The young English pianist. Joan Dixon, played like the inquiring university trained musician she is showing style in ornamentation and rhythm in Bach's B minor partita besides appreciation of comrapuntal subtleties with fingers usually obedient but even sturcher in dynamics than was needed. Her carefully reasoned approach to Schubert's last

# Appalling Caledonian

Writer's Cramp Bush

bard

However, John Byrne of the Nitshill Writing Circle has put his heart into the job, and Francis Seneca McDade (1917-1976) emerges as a man of more parts than the weaver of Dundee.

From his early days at a Paisley seminary, McDade eviaced a reckless hunger for print and in the years ahead he was ready to turn his hand to mything from articles on Deep Knee Bending in the Nursing Mother, and outpourings in Lalians, to a musical of Dr Spock's Baby and Child

of Dr Spock's Baby and Child Care
Poetry was evidently his first love, but he also ran to novels and memoirs, drawing on his warnine experiences (failed WOSB and imprisoned as an undesirable alien) and the collapse of his hopes in the BBC talks department. Late in life he also branched into pseudonymous paintings, and had the dealers "fighting for droppings of the Semple ease!" on the strength of his Formica portrait of Alma Cogan and kettle interiors.

of Alma Cogan and kettle interiors.
Nonhing, J. M. Barrie said, is more invigorating than the sight of a Scotsman on the make.
McDade never made it, in spite of the kettles, but he behaved as though he had; and one of the joys of Bill Paterson's performance is to see him bouncing back from one crashing humiliation after another, and penning triumphant letters to

friends, relatives, and potential patrons, invariably winding up (even on his death bed) with a breezy PS demanding ready

With McGonagali already in existence, the invention of amother appalling Caledonian bard may seem unnecessary. tiously trying to get a nut out of his teeth, sets up the circum-stances that gave birth to such masterworks as Pass the Buns, Dolly, and "a moving piece called Paralysis", while extracts from these and other productions are declaimed for all they are worth by a spot-lit Alex Norton, shirt split open to the waist like a Kelvinside Keats.

The spoof genius joke may raise a yawn, and there are passages in this show that may have been better calculated for its original audience at the Edinburgh Traverse than for Bush spectators. On the whole, it is on safer ground when it consigns McDade to darkest Scotland than when it drags him into the limelight of Magdalen and Canning Town. However it was funning and furnish dalen and Canning Town. However, it gets funnier and funnier throughout the evening, as the pattern of McDade's failures, his inescapable reunions with the companions of his youth, and his letter writing tactice acquires its own comic momentum. Also Robin Lefevre's production piles up a great mound of Scottish sub-cultural bric a brac upon the hero's tomb. The myth is enriched with such supporting figures as his avid landlady Renee Ripper and the chauvinistic art critic Denholm Pantalone: though for art and biographical jargon, Pantalone is no match for Mr Bett's narrator whose commentary offers an inexhaustible flow of deep groan puns and ludicrously prolonged metaphors designed to elevate his lowly subject into a giant.

The Fall of the House of Usher Cottesloe

Ned Chaillet

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In The Fall of the House of Usher the achievement of Steven Berkoff is to bring horror to the stage, to convey the agony of dying in a sealed coffin, to create through his mastery of mime, sound effects, movement and vocal capacity, a picture which is unreal, comic and frightening. Since I first saw the production several years ago in Edirburgh, I have carried with me a memory of the closing scenes of the play, with Usher's sister in a shart of light, which suggests her coffin, scraping her fingernadis in terror on an invisible lid to the accompaniment of painful scatches on the strings of a harp.

The image was so powerful in the small Traverse Theore that I had forgotten how little of the time was given to premature burial. Before Berkoff unveils the purity of that horror he sets the scene through meticulous detail and through meticulous detail and uncompromising theatricality. There is something almost leisurely in the way he, as Usher, and Shelley Lee, as his sister, step from their established roles to play the part of the house, to speak for the walls, the doors, the tapestries of the building, which is as antique as the line of Ushers, which will end with Roderick Usher's death.

There is nothing normal in Edgar Alian Poe's stories and, by establishing that there is nothing normal in the actions on the stage, Mr Lerkoff pre-sents a world where horror

can exist. When normalcy threatens to appear, with Usher and his sister greeting their visitor, Edgar, Mr Berkofi restages the event several times in several different ways. Edgar's ominous remark to Usber, "You have altered beyond belief", is turned into a joke when Usher replies: "We all change a little". Horror, being as powerful as it is, is kept at bay through wry comedy as long as possible. When it is fanally introduced it is all the more effective for the

some of the claustrophobic strensity of the production is dissipated in the Cottesloe's airy space but, with the use of ingemous lighting, the actors are mous lighting, the actors are play. In addition to the splendid performances of Mr Berkoff and Miss Lee, Terry J. McGihty, who has appeared in other productions by the Louding other productions by etra Group, brings fine, intelligent presence to the part of the visitor. It is a moody and strange piece which is powerfully effective.

On altogether a different level, but also at the National Theatre, Michael Kustow has devised and directed a celebraion of the humour of Groucho Mark Taken mainly from the book, The Groucho Letters, a collection of typically sharp ex-changes with such different bodies as Warner Brothers and different T. S. Eliot, it presents Derek Newark as a substitute Groucho complete with leer and moustache. The jokes and wise-cracks still hold their sting, Mr Newark very well conveys Groucho's style in both his prime and old age and it can sometimes be seen on the platm of the Lynelton Theare before the main performance.

**Penta** ICA

#### John Percival It must be just 10 years since

I was shown round the then unfinished new brome of the Institute of Contemporary Art in Carlton Terroce and told of ambinious plans to present new forms of dance there. At first is halls did provide a home for adventurous groups. Moving Being in its less wordy days and then the much missed Strider. Its excursions into dance have latterly been less frequent and less fruitful, but I am glad to see its theatre saved from the baying of the Philistines and apparently thriving. Consequently I wish I could

give a warmer welcome to the three-week international season of "dance theatre" that opened on Tuesday. This week's visitors are a fivesome from Rotterdam called Penta. There seems to me little theatre and less dance in their show, which is more like an old-hat mime revue.

their two pieces, a protracted little joke about the imagined hazards of eating in oriental restaurants, that they almost all walked badly, more like stage-hands than dancers. That robbed the work's intended artificialities of style and plausi-

It struck me in the second of

bility.

The other work is an apparently hephazard collection sketches about sexual and social role-playing and reversals. One number in which winding balls of wool symbolized dominance within a couple's relationship was neatly done, and a lugubri-ous woman got much fun our of a self-playing born that inter-rupted her exercises on the recorder. But there was much padding and repetition, making the work seem infinitely longer than the half-hour it lasted

Next week Margaret Beals and two other American women recite and dance to Sylvia Plath's "Ariel" poems. The Plath's "Ariel" poems. The following week Moving Being brings its new show, A Complex Oedipus. I hope ICA's new thrives and another time they put more stress on the first word in

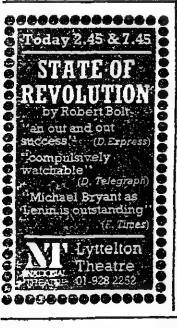
Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Joan Chassell | Entertainment advertisements appear on page 18.

# Figaro in New York The New York State Theatre is forward sees of Carl Toms may a cruel theatre for opera, bave struck a vector Figure Originally built as a dance goer as more of a clean and

theatre and since acoustically facelifted, the huge interior space remains ungrateful and capricious to the singing voice and quixoric as to an alliance of voice and orchestra. The voices best suited to the theatre are those least in supply in the New York City. Opera roster: big sounds, with experisince in projection and characterization. The Mozart repertory was always one of the strengths of the company while it was in its old theatre on Fifty-fifth

The new production of The Marrage of Figuro (sung in Unglish, is a good case in point. The traditional production of John Copley and the straight-



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tidy revival then a fresh look at Mozart's work, but it was a performance that did no injusce to the score. Julius Rudel's fluid conducting moved the evening smertly along (except evening smartly along (except for his choice of a glutinously sentimental tempo for "Deh, vieni"), and the cast song and acted with verve and good ensemble. Yet the spaces of the theatre told, on Catherine Malfirano's pert but small-scaled soprano (as Susanna), on Della Walk's Cherubino, and even on Johanna Maiore. and even on Johanna Meier's Countess which, if sung with enough volume, remained in cuoste es e conception sud

enunciation and unusicality and because of his innate stage sense. I suspect that this production would have had far more immediacy in the old

The same observation applies to the American premiere of Thea Musgrave's Voice of Ariadne, Although the orchestra was augmented from the original scoring, the very chamber-opera nature of the work, allied to the slightness of the story (with its inevitable links to the Strauss opera) and the delicacy of the scoring worked against the production Colin Graham, who had staged the original at Aldeburgh, had here to work on a much larger effective in terms of ensemble acting there became here

Patrick J. Smith

variable as to pitch. The only singer whose voice and temperament flowed strongly across the orchestra pit and into the audience was the Figure, Samuel Ramey, both because of his superior emerciation and strongly across the superior acr

externalized and not a little

tuosity. There was outlet for both this time in a well planned programme that included some contemporary American Beethoven's B flat sonata, Op

22, immediately revealed fin-gers both strong and disci-plined. He risked very brisk tempo for the first movement but kept high spirits under firm rhythmic control. In the Adagio, intensity of expression was achieved with a stylish poise, while the Menuetto and Rondo left no further doubt of his very clear sense of musical direction in phrasing.

Schumann's Faschingschwank ous Wien confirmed the suspicion that he had not quite come to terms with the reson- nunecessarily fast and loud.

in the combination of skilful Supertramp musicianship and good songs. Three keyboards, drums, bass Wembley Clive Bennett

The band's great strength is had done last week for Yes.

Professionalism is a quality not much valued in certain quarters

of the pop industry these days, so it was good to find it so abundantly in Supertramp's concert on Tuesday evening. It was their first London date for nearly two years, but their 111th this year. Had they sounded tired or made mis-takes it would have been understandable, but their set been seen in recent months. Supertramp aim to re-create in concert the same sophisticated product they obtain in the studio; a tall order in Wembley's cavern, but in the event pretty well realized and even surpassed in terms of human involvement. The music had a guisiness the albums

tility and contrast to satisfy even the most demanding ear. Fortunately the sound system allowed the subpleties to be heard, so the precision of John Anthony Helliwell's plangent woodwind playing, the intricate interweaving of the keyboard duets, the accuracy of the vocal But during the entertainment the fingerprints of the songs themselves began to look too similar. Although taken from throughout the band's history, it became clear that too many are structured in the same way and rely on the same tricks to make a really samsfying even-ing. Sadly, the high quality of the lighting only served to emphasize this, for it was so perfectly synchronized and a ultimately predictable that what becan as a string of stunhing effects all too quiskly became irritating mannerisms. Still, the hall sold out as it

ing sparing yet always apt changes of registration. He has a lively rhythmic sense, too. and woodwind is the basic five-man line-up, but within that format there is sufficient versa-Max Harrison

of the programme I heard was

itself divided into two halves, the first consisting of pieces de clavecin, the second of a Bach English Suite (nos 5 and 6).

The Bach seemed the most

enjoyable, but in terms by Louis and François Couperin

Mr Payne showed himself to

a neat, unfussy player, mak-

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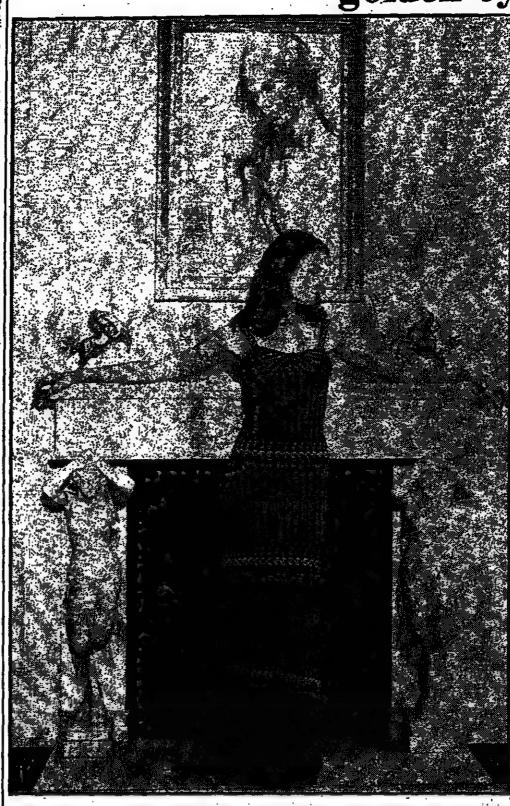
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Above: Would you like to look like Antoinette Sibley, perhaps? This photograph of the famous dancer, posed beneath a sketch of herself and flanked by gelloping horses and interesting chimney piece supports which are half female, half goat, is by Mayotte Magnus and is in her current exhibition of pictures of women at the National Portrait Gallery. The pictures cover the famous, the beautiful and the plain and famous and serve as an interesting illustration of some of the theories in "The Women Book" (see below).

Top right: Hollywood-style clinch between the handsome cop and the receptive blonde? The hairdo should be a giveaway. The rest of this picture, which is taken from Brigid Keenan's new book, actually shows a naked lady of somewhat unfirm proportions, a streaker, being arrested by an English policeman. Also out of sight, an enormous Alsatian dog peering with interest over the officer's shoulder.

Above right: Marie-Laure de Noailles, poet and "beauty"-if a trifle daunting to the average taste. She was particularly proud of her hands, said to be the tiniest in Paris,

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EXHIBITION especially ambivalent about what constitutes beauty. A mite plain himself, Bacon is no exception; on the one hand be can produce the knock-out blow for the plain which I quote above, but on the other we find him remarking that "there is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion", which would seem to let in the back-of-the-bus brigade. Likewise Alexander Pope: "If to her share some female errors fall, Look on her face and you'll forget 'em all " face and you'll forget 'em all', is counterpointed by "Besuties in vain their pretty eyes may roll; Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul". In other words, there is hope for us ell,

That hope burns particularly bright just now, when the ideal of beauty has so firmly changed from the particular to the general, and it is this change in the eye of the beholder as much as in the beheld which I think makes Brigid Keenan's book, The Women We Wanted to Look Like (Macmillan, 57.95) fascinating. Note the tense; wanted to look like.

wanted to look like.

Well, it seems we wanted to look like Heddy Lemart, Jean Shrimpton, Bette Davies, Anna Piaggi, Naomi Sims, Barbara Goalen or an amazing looking lady called Sumurun, who appears in the book dressed for a fashion show at Olympia in 1923 (the year of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, of course) in a Molyneux costume comprising headdress from Aida, pear's from Queen Alexandra, frock from the dress reform dence society, and dress reform dance society, and a bunch of lilies from the Madonna, I should think. It paid off to be in the right image in those days. Fiona Campbell Watter once had a letter from a group of miners in Cuba, records Ms Keenan, and another from two pilgrims en route for Mecca.

ses what I mean, while enother group would be happier looking like somebody else, preferably well-known. In other words, beauty is in just the same dilemma as fashion, with one side doing its own thing and the other aching for leadership.

Anxious to be helpful, I therefore turned to another glossy volume just out, the Vogus Body and Beauty Book, by Bronwen Meredith (Allen Lans, £6.95), in order to discover how those who wish to look otherwise should go about it. Opening it at random, I found myself opposite a chapter headed Sexuality, of which the first sentence reads: "Sexuality is intrinsically linked with health and beauty." Now, not only would this seem to be a post-tive shunt for the back-of-the-bus brigade, but it happens to be an opinion with which literature, history and I totally disagree. ture, history and I totally dis-

What about Marguerite; a successful working woman almost to the end, coughing consumption on her clients but indubitably sexy? What about the terrifying looking Marie-Laure de Noailles? "A poet and the intellectual's favourite beauty", writes Brigid Keenan against a photograph which would daunt all but the most intrepid (or intellectual) romance seekers. And who kept hold of awful old Louis XIV in the end? Not lovely Madame de Montespan but her pikestaff Montespan but her pikestaff plain moralizing rival, Madame de Maintenon, who at the age of 72 was complaining to her confessor that the king wanted

of 72 was complaining to her confessor that the king wanted too much sex. Incidentally, talking of the plain, Brigid Keenan relates the most ravishing anecdote about two very (theoretically) ugly women who were never short of admirers. It seems that at a costume ball outside Paris its before the Second World War, the arch rivals in conture, Gabrielle Chanel and Elsa Schäpparelli, were dancing to gether (!) the former dressed as a Tree Fern and the latter as Queen of the Ants. That could, of course, explain why nobody else was dancing with them. Anyway, Chanel took the opportunity to stear her part, ner into the path of the candelabra and Elsa's antennae cought fire.

Neither the Vogue book nor food of frozs.

"A beautiful face is a silent commendation", wrote Francis Bacon, and stayed not 20 remark on the noise which might be expected from those who look like somebody else, preferably like somebody else, preferably bland that, leaving aside the bus,

But then writers, aspecially male writers, have always been especially ambivalent about what constitutes beauty. A mite plain himself. Bacon is no commendation", wrote Francis themselves, only more so if you men and how they want to look. Been what I mean, while snother group would be happier looking like somebody else, preferably bland that, leaving aside the bits on abortion and breast cancer for example, it could serve as an invaluable manual for either sex. In the case of the other aching for leadership.

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negus me to suggest that it might by reach a wider public.

But just as men's fashion is how becoming so much more interesting so much more interesting so must be men's pen-appirations via a via appearance. aspirations via a via appearance. As the poor old super-fluous male gets battered by the working woman, the Hite report and now, finally, a story that the Latin Lover is not all the package took takers, or indeed his native women, have been led to believe, now is the time for nice girls to come to the defence of the opposite sex. " Men are seduced by the eye,

"Men are seduced by the eye, women by the ear" is a French apherism. which always suspines, since the French have usually been particularly receptive to the charms of ugly but intelligent and amusing women. This happens to be another view with which I totally disagree. I fear, alas, that women are too often seduced by the ear. But again literature is not on my side, even if history is. Every charming frog has to be turned into some blond, beast of a prince, elegant animals have to have their heads and paws cut off in fairy stories in order to achieve a metamorphosis of dubious worth. Think of the

So what do we want to look ner into the path of the (original editor of the OED). Ilke now ? A gallop poli conducted by myself shows that one group, on the whole rather

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Output the path of the (original editor of the OED). Candetabra and Elsa's antennae Muhammad Ali and Pope Paul.

You see, I have always been Neither the Vogue book nor fond of frogs.



# **BUSINESS NEWS**

Will miners' pay damper on coal? page 21

# Mr Healey says pound float option was 'least damaging'

Mr Healey yesterday told dustrial and trade union raders that the decision to lost the pound had been the least damaging option popen the monatage policy. Speaking of the monthly tering of the National conomic Development Council

checuer said that the optimum policy would have con to maintain the stability the exchange rate at about the Easter 1977 level." (Just Now 1.72 against the dollar, privalent to an effective rate 61.7.) but it was clear that if the overnment had not decided to

uncap" the exchange rate the g inflows of foreign money and have continued and the her measures he would then we been forced to take would we been worse for industry. Ha might, for example, have on compelled to tighten up mestic monetary control and nease interest rates.
The Chancellor rejected the tion that exchange controls and be relaxed. You could the told the NEDC meet deal with short-term here by shering the controls the outflow of long-term

Mr Len Murray, general secin would have been an retary of the TUC, made it retary of the TUC, made it plain that the unions would be composed to any relaxation of exchange controls. They wanted employment and production in the United Kingdom, not

He felt the decision to float might have some beneficial effects, through for example, reduction of import costs. There might be a significant effect on the retail price index, and this in its turn would help wage bargaining.

bargaining. Mr Healey said that a steadily appreciating exchange rate had led both West Germany and Japan to increase output and exports, to compensate for the narrower profit margins. He hoped that British companies would follow suit.

would follow suit.
Industrialists at the council meeting told Mr Healey that while West Germany and Japan might have had an appreciating exchange rate, they did not at the same time have a higher inflation rate and lower productivity than their main compenious.

Lord Watkinson, president of the Confederation of British Industry, gave a warning that industry was anxious to avoid what he called a "yo-yo situation" in exchange rates.

He hoped that the Chancellor pould do secretify would do everything possible to iron our fluctuations in the exchange rate. And he urged him to look again at the relax-

ation of controls on oversess investment since this in inself could beip to smooth out the exchange rate.

depression and uncertainty appears to be out of all proportion to the fundamental economic realities.

The Fed, to be sure, has tightened us policies again this

week, but in a most modest manner that is wholly consis-

tent with his stance over the past couple of months. It has intervened in the markets to

raise the federal funds rate to around 61 per cent from 61 per

cent and money market partici-pants admit that such a tiny

increase is unlikely to have a significant impact. General short-term interest

rates remain fairly stable and it would be a surprise to numerous money market ex-

perts if, for example, the com-mercial bank prime leading

# JS uncertainty over conomy worsens

m Frank Vogi ankers and brokers on Walf of argued today that the inces of the dollar in the an exchange markets and decline in share prices on stock exchanges clearly rehasiness uncertainty in the ed States since the height to Watergate crisis in mid-

iere was uncertainty about economic outlook, which partly being fuelled by the Reserve Board's decito continue tightening conditions, and confuabout national economicies, the experts said. ere were, for example, fears of mounting tension cen the Fed and the Carter inistration, that might lead resident to decide against ading Dr Arthur Burns's act as the Fed's chairman.

Fed's policy of further tightening is widely seen direct rebuke to those in white House who claim that policie, threaten to choke

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ness undoubtedly springs from the fact that Dr Burns is to testify before the Senate banking committee in seven days.

Dr Burns will outline the Fed's money growth targets for the next 12 months and he will face

# for dollar

Mr Michael Blumenthel, the United States Treasury Secre-tary, today said that the Carter Administration was firmly com-mitted to the maintenance of a strong and stable dollar.

But he immediately made clear that the United States authorities would not seek to influence the exchange rate of

a press conference and later at a meeting of politicians and businessmen in Bonn, gave no indication that he thinks the dellar undervalued at its present level.

rect an interpreter who trans-lated his statement that the United States was interested in a strong dollar in such a way as to suggest that Washington was interested in strengthening the

currency.

After his talks today with Herr Schmidt, the German Chancellor, Dr Hans Apel, the finance minister, and Herr Otto Graf Lambsdorff, the economics minister, Mr. Blumenthal stressed that the United States proposed to maintain a strong dollar by a healthy, expanding, non-inflationary domestic eco-

States trade deficit, which at its forecase level of \$30,000m this year, had played a significant role in depressing the dollar, should not worsen next.

dollar, should not worsen next gear.

He added that the deficit should begin to fall towards the end of 1978, as the Carter Administration's energy programme begins to take effect.

The Treesury Secretary underlined that the United States had schieved a 5 per cent rate of real scommic growth so far this year, and would be siming to maintain a growth rate in the gross rates product approaching per cent in 1978. He said that the Administration would take additional measures as necessary to ensure that growth continued at a satisfactory level of between 4 and 5 per cent.

cent.

"By 1979, if we remain hard
at work, there is every chance
for seeing improvement in our
trade and current account
balances", Mr Blumenthal said.
He made clear that much
would depend on developments
elsawhere, including West Germany where the Government's

Dr Apel said, however, that Bonn would take no further action to stimulate the domestic economy for six to eight

rate were to move above 8 per cent by the end of the year, against its present level of 72 per cent. The 91-day commercial paper rate traded today at 61 per cent, which calls for a 73 per cent prime under the Citibank prime rate setting Some of the current nervous explain the dollar's revival, except that the market may have overdone the fall in recent

# £3,500 pay-offs in ship redundancies

Industrial Correspondent
Shipbuilding workers leaving the industry will qualify for a maximum payment of £3,500 under the terms of new legislation to which reference is expected to be made in the Queen's Speech on the reopening of Parliament today.

A short enabling Voluntary Redundancy Bill has been drafted it will incorporate in financial memorandum which, at the

a financial memorandum which, at the Treasury's insistence, will carry the figure of £3,500 as the likely maximum for severance terms.

But discussions between British Shipbuilders, and leaders of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions on the precise form of the scheme are still taking place, and are expected to be conon the precise form of the scheme are sun-taking place, and are expected to be con-cluded before the end of this month.

Although the memorandum will refer to the £3,500 maximum, this is regarded as an "illustrative notional" limit by Whitehall, and it is widely expected that

wood plant in Renfrewshire travelled south to Covenry yesterday to enlist the support of their colleagues at the company's four Midlands factories.

The Linwood men led by Mr. The Lin

But Midlands shop stewards denied reports that they had already given the Linwood strikers 100 per cent support.

Mr. Pat. Fox. the transport.
union convener at Ryton, said:

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w document from the company
serting out four conditions
which must be met by the
unions at Linwood before it

neering next week.

But British Shipbuilders is aware of

Whitehall's concern that the terms of severance should not be over generous.

The Government, which hoped that the two sides would have been able to agree on the terms by the middle of September has modelled its scheme on that operated by the British Steel Corporation, which offers slightly better terms than the statutory redundancy payments scheme. But the unions have approached the negotiations with the state shipbuilding corporation on the basis of the National Dock Labour Board's severance scheme. This provides for payments on a sliding scale ranging from £1,300 after one year's service to £7,000 for 20 years' service or

more,
The Government hopes that agreement will be reached fairly quickly so that the enabling Bill can be introduced into the parliamentary timetable. for improved retirement arrangements rather than a redundancy scheme, for the industry's 90,000 workers.

A compromise which provides payments roughly between the BSC and the NDLB schemes seems the most likely outcome. Payments would be related to age, length of service in the industry and pay at the time of retirement. time of retirement.

Against the background of worldwide overcapacity in shipbuilding, which is expected to last for some years, the reducedancy issue is a sensitive one. Most of the shippards are in areas of high unemployment where prospects for alternative employment are limited.

Last week the European Commission forecast that between 50,000-60,000 ship-building jobs would have to be shed in the Community between now and 1980 if the industry was to survive the crisis. British union leaders have scrongly opposed contraction of the industry

# Shares fall further on prospect of loss-making company's future that the Department of Industry is keeping in daily touch with senior management. On Tuesday Mr George Lacy, managing director, and Mr Peter Griffiths, his deputy, were called to the department.

new unrest

By David Most Prospects of growing industrial unrest after the miners' pay vote sent share prices rumbling for an eighth consecutive day on the London stock merket vesterday.

day that, despite the continuing strike by 3,000 crafusmen, it would reopen all its plants today with work available for all 24,000 manual employees. Production of cars and vars has been at a standard for the The record reserves figures, though widely forecast, attracted a few buyers in the post-lunch session and the FT Index, 11 points down at 2 pm, railied to close 6.1 off at 486.0. But Government stocks drew little comfort from the reserves and after early selling had brought losses of up to 12 points most stocks stayed at that level for the rest of the

> Equity dealers said that several attempts at a rally petered out as potential buyers could not be induced to over-come nervousness which stems from the worsening industrial scene and concern about the impact a rising pound will make on the major exporters. With these twin concerns overshadowing sentiment, most sea little chance of a substential rally in the short run. The index is now back to the levels of late August and has felled to make a quick return. failed to make a quick return to its recent trading range, the lower end of which was 495.0. Wall Street lower: The Dow Jones industrial average fell to a new low for the year but rellied to close at 800.85, down

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#### IMI share offer likely to be fully subscribed

By Our Financial Staff Indications last night, were that the £68m offer-for-sale of the ICI 621 per cent holding in IMI would be fully subscribed, despite the shares having fallen to within ip of the offer price at 521p. Lists closed yesterday.

IMI's price has shown surprising strength as the market has fallen, being well supported within the market, while institutions anxious to increase their stake in a front-line engineer-ing company freed from the position of being a subsidiary of a chemical major, look to have taken the opportunity to avoid stamp duty and commission charges by subscribing for the offer.

Thus the underwriters are not expected to have to take up many of the shares on offer.

## Solidarity of building societies is strained

Rumblings are growing among the leaders of the country's largest building societies, who are increasingly discontented about the ponderous structure of the Building Societies Association.

Yesterday Sir Oliver Chester-Yesterday Sir Oliver Chesterton, chairman of the Woolwich Building Society (fifth largest in the country), said that "the big societies need more voice. Perhaps the mathinery of the Building Societies Association is a little too cumbersome for the liking of larger societies". A protagonist of this view is Mr Tim Timberlake, the chief general manager of the Abbey National, second largest building society in the country, who brought matters to a head three brought matters to a head three weeks ago when he announced that the Abbey was not going to cut immediately its investment rate for savers on the society's books at the end of Ortoher

For months Mr Timberlake has been concerned about the big surpluses that the Abbey, and indeed other large socie-ties, are going to make this year. The Abbey solution, using some of the excess to pay exist ing investors more, not only reflects the society's genuine concern for the investor but

concern for the investor but also is a gesture against the BSA systam of fixing interest rates, which is based on the lowest common denominator.

The Abbey move, which was quickly followed for competitive reasons by the Leeds Permanent and by the Britannia, has given additional impresses and given additional impetus and force to the BSA subcommittee formed in July to look at a wide range of issues including liquidity, reserves, margins and

The subcommittee, under the chairmanship of the BSA chairman, Mr Ralph Stow, mansging director of the Chelten-ham and Gloucester Building Society, is expected to report by the end of the year. Among its recommendations is expected to be some move towards changing the present sliding scale of the reserve ratio last fixed in 1967.

Welcome as any changes probably will be, most of the big societies also want to see

positive changes in the way in which the interest rate structure is fixed. Nobody wants to abolish the existing cartel-building society interest rates are deliberately excluded from the gaze of the Office of Fair Trading—bur all have suggest Trading -but all have tions to improve the flexibility of the present system.

Mr Albert Thomes, chief gen-eral manager of the Halifax, largest in the country, would like room to manoeuvre around the recommended rate permitting, for example, societies to move with | per cent on either side of the recommended rates side of the recommended rates. At the Nationwide, third largest, Mr Leonard Williams, the chief general manager who is a firm advocate of both term shares and the differential mortgage interest rates, would like individual societies to be able to fix their own rates for all but the basic recommended investment and mortgage rate. What it till comes down to is What it cil comes down to is that the top societies in the country frequently operate more efficiently and have the benefits of economy of scale and can afford, from time to size a size a home to the top of the country of of the co either borrowers or savers than the medium and small-sized societies. But at the moment there is no way in which they can give this service without apsetting the BSA applecart.

Margaret Stone

# Blumenthal caution on support

intervention.

Mr. Blumenthai's remarks ar

many, where the Government's rarger of a 45 per cent real growth rate next year was questioned last week as being too optimistic by the country's five leading economic research

months.
Dollar rallies: The dollar perked up on the foreign exchange markets yesterday against all major currencies except the Swiss franc. In London it closed up 1.1 yeu at 248 yen, and strengthened against the Deutsche mark from DM2.2395 on Tuesday to DM2.249. The Swiss franc rate rose from 2.215 to 2.211.
Dealers could not really explain the dollar's revival,

# seek strike support in Midlands The Linwood men led by Mr Jim Livingstod, senior steward for the Transport and General Workers. Union, met senior stewards from the Stoke factory (engines), Ryton (Alpine assembly), Bagington (packing), and Birmingham (spares). After four hours of talks at the TGWU headquarters in Coventry. If was announced that a full meeting of the Chrysser combined shop stewards committee would be called next week.

Chrysler stewards from Linwood

Mr Lacy: In touch with Depart-

move to another part of the assembly line. More than 7,000 workers are laid off there, as

will reopen the plant.

"We agreed to take that document back to our plant shop stewards committees so that they could decide what action to take at the combined It seems to us at this stage that the blame for this stop-page must be shared by both management and unions, but management seem to be the worst offenders. According to the Linwood shop stewards

past seven days with 18,000 men haid off. But last night one of the strike leaders, Mr Tony Calle-ghan, chairman of the skilled workers action committee, said: "It will not work. The cratismen's shop stewards have voted unanimously to continue our strike Production will not be able to get some. The He said the company had still not come up with any pro-posals to settle the dispute over skilled men's differentials. Another 2,200 Leyland employees were laid off yester-

workers are laid off there, as are several bundred more at Triumph, Liverpool.

The company has said that it will not reopen Linwood until there is a major improvement in labour relations to reduce absenteeism, had timekeeping, lack of flexibility in manning and poor productivity which is bleeding us to death."

So serious is the off.

# Consolidated Gold Fields' £40m rights issue meets with poor reception in City

By Desmond Quigley
Consolidated Gold Fields,
the United Kingdom-based
guning finance house, yestergross in the current year, an increase comewhat smaller than the market has come to expect from rights issue canday announced a £40m rights issue, the second in two and a half years.

The terms are two new dulates who can use this as a way of cetting around dividend

restrictions.
No profit forecast has been ordinary shares for every nine at a price of 155p, a discount given for year to the end of next lune, but Consolidated Gold says that the first quarter at a price or 185p, a discount on yes erday's opening market price of 21 per cent. However, the stock market gave a poor reception to the ofter and Consolidated Gold shares fell by 20p to 177p yesof the current year has been encouraging. Last year the group made a pre-tax profit of £35.6m.

Proceeds of the rights issue are destined for the expansion The group is forecasting a 10 per ceut increase in the dividend to 13.7195p a share of the group's operations in the United States, as it continues

its diversification away from South Africa and gold. The recent acquisition of Hydro Conduit, a United States concrete pipe manufacturer, boosted approved capital expenditure for the current year to £64m, and increased borrowings at £176m at the end of Septemto £176m at the end of Septem-

Meanwhile, Bellambi Coal, the group's 46 per cent owned Australian coal company, has amounted that it has been unable to renew its long-term. coke contract with Australian anelters and will cease toke production at Mount Pleasant Cokeworks next January.

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#### S Africa boosts exports to UK, but cuts imports

From Eric Marsden Johannesburg, Nov 2

South African exports to Britain increased by more than 29 per cent in the past 12 months, but imports from Britain fell by more than 20 per

Disclosing this, Mr G. S. Muller, president of the South Africa-Britain Trade Association, urged critics seeking change in South Africa to continue to use "persuasion" instead of threats of sanctions and isolation. Mr Muller told

association's annual meeting that the decrease in imports from Britain was in line with the general policy of discourag-ing imports to improve the balance of payments position; but overall trade between South Africa and Britain had dropped by less than I per cent in the year to the end of July, totalling about £1,400m.

He said South Africans need not be alarmed by the threat sanctions and boycotts. Commonsense and simple economic facts made total isolation unlikely, if not impossible. Dr David Owen had con-

firmed that trade sanctions would cause major problems and higher unemployment in Britain, disrupting industries dependent on imports of chrome, magnesium, platinum and other South African Mr Muller said it could not

be denied that South Africa's domestic policies should be adjusted more quickly, but there was some movement. "The way in which to help us speed up this process is not by threats of isolation but by continuing persuasion and good

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## Reserves soar by \$3,040m to record \$20,211m ment's exchange rate policy after yesterday's reserves

But it become clear from the money supply figures in September that the continued flood of overseas funds into London was endangering the Government's money supply

A rough guide to the extent of official intervention in the exchange markets is given by the underlying, non-official, increase in the reserves, which was more than \$1,000m larger than in any previous month this

It is not yet known how much

of this has fed through to swell the money stock. Some dealers expect the money supply figures for October to go above the 13 per cent upper limit of the official target range, although there were substantial gilt sales during the month.

In the first 10 months of this year the underlying rise in the official reserves has been \$11,362m. On top of this the official element in the reserves has risen by a ner \$4,720mL of this \$1,894m has come from drawings on the International Monetary Fund standby credit, \$1,500m from the Government's medium term Eurocurrency loan arranged at

\$750m from an oversess boan to the British National Od Cor-poration; \$205m from the sale of BP shares to foreigners; and \$326m from nationalized industry borrowing under the exchange cover scheme.

begun a very limited programme of early repayment of some outstanding loans and has announced that it will not take

up any more of the IMP standby credit (although the facility remains open until the end of next year).

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the He estimated that the Shadow Chancellor issued a capital loss to the taxpayer on strong criticism of the governing the giltz was about £200m.

By Donald Macintyre Three thousand

Government had purchased dollars for the reserves at great cost to the taxpayer. The value of the dollars bought since July had fallen by about £200m this week. The Government had had to issue

announcement. He said that the

gilt edged stock to mop up the foreign inflows and the rate of return paid on this was about double the rate earned on the United States Treasury bills bought by the Government for estimated that the

British Oxygen 'back to

work' moves likely today

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ther pages 22 Wall Street 25 Bank Base Rates Table · appointments THREE PACEETS

Gold lost \$0.75 to \$161.375. SDR-\$ was 1.18369 on Wedi

SDR-\$ was 1.18369 on Wednesday. while SDR-E was 0.643763.

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Rates for small denomination bank notes and a supplied yesterday by Barriers hank international Ltd. Different rated as p. v. of havelers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Oxygen Co strikers are expected to start returning to work roday as formal pay negotia-tions resume between the company and union officials.

By last night, our of the 30 of the company's 46 depots on strike to have voted on officials'

A spokesman for British Oxygen said last night the company was confident that most of the group's 56 sites—includ-ing most of the major works— would return to normal working

Shop stewards on Monday narrowly agreed to recommend a return so that the company could make a formal improved

After hearing the results of the depots meetings yesterday, the company agreed to hold The strike which started after BOC management offered a pay increase of 10 per cent coupled with productivity pay-

rather than the beginning of the end because we still have a recommendations to return, 22 long way to go."
had wored to go back. The company will formally make the offer which it has already sketched inform-ally to Mr Miller.

> tiations are completed. strike at British Oxygen have been summoned back to work

Mr Boss Belch, managing director of the Scott Lithgow Group, in "a calculated gamble", decided to recall the workers in anticipation of a settlement in the three-week-

ments worth between 5 and 8 per cent on basic rates, has resulted in 35,000 lay-offs Mr John Miller, the national chemicals officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said last night: "This is the end of the beginning,

But union officials believe that a full return to normal is unlikely, at least until nego-Clyde recall: Over 1,100 Clydeside shippards workers who were laid off because of the

# Nordic groups see bright future for UK industry

test bed of social democracy and labour relations advances, yesterday exploded some of the myths about British industry, and gave the Government's inward investment policies a useful

A survey among about 30 British subsidiaries of Nordic companies revealed a surprising degree of confidence in the future of the British economy, and an equally surprising amount of contentment about operations in Britain to the extent that they would recommend increased invesment by Nordic countries in the United King-

The survey, commissioned by the

British business environment was contioned to compare favourably with conditions in the Nordic area in almost every respect, spart from productivity.
But the survey revealed that although average total hourly costs of labour in parts of Scandinavia are as

much as 2.5 times as high as in Britain, productivity in a significant number of United Kingdom subsidiaries was as high—or even higher—than in the parent company, and was most com-monly no more than 15-20 per cent

Very few of those companies covered by the survey-ranging from those kers to those employing about 1,400-thought that Nordic companies offered a better environment in terms of absence ism, days lost through industrial action, or overall labour relations. One third of the companies inter-viewed in fact considered that labour

relations were better here
Of the 30 companies covered by the survey, 25 claimed to have lost no days at all through industrial action. Of loss at less than five days per year and the others reckoned to have lost between a helf and a full day.

About helf of the companies inter-

viewed said that there was lower productivity in the United Kingdom

development areas reported that pro-ductivity was higher—and overall it

ductivity was ingher—and owerall if appears that the lower costs more than compensate for the somewhat lower levels of productivity.

Principal complaints unearthed by the researchers related to delivery problems and florated to delivery problems and florated to delivery problems and florated to Really of rates while, encouragingly, the Bank of England's restrictions on sterling finance do not appear to have been a significant disincentive.

All this was music to the eats of Mr Alan Williams, Ministers of State for Industry, who said that the results provided practical evidence of the success of Scandinavian companies operating in Brimin.

# Strong reaction against Whitehall | Standards of NRDC plan to limit monopoly advertising 'will not be lowered'

By Patricia Tisdall

Strictest objections to the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection new powers to curb advertising spending by monopoly holders have been lodged by the Incor-porated Society of British

In comments which have been circulated to members this week, the society describes the plan as "draconian" and "illogical".

The proposal is part of a series of 18 amendments which the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection wants to make to the Fair Trading and Restrictive Trade Practices Acts during the next parliamentary during the next parliamentary

Its aim is to enable the Secretary of State to restrict advertising or other promotional ex-nenditure if the Monopolies Commission reports adversely on this aspect of a company's

Advertisers argue that, apart from practical difficulties, control would increase costs to the consumer and reduce consumer Manufacturers, they say, sion's would be bound to look for about advertising ere contained other less efficient ways of sell- in its report on cat and dog

Mr Callaghan vesterday

admitted that the Gett multi-

fibre agreement "had not been an entirely satisfactory

arrangement", but held out little hope of import controls

In response to a petition pre-

sented by the Amalgamated Textile Workers Union, the Prime Minister argued that the

Government had already taken "a very considerable amount of action" to limit low-cost

imports.

He added: "At the same

time, we are determined to strengthen the network of pro-

tective measures by securing

tougher hilateral agreements

with supplying countries."
In his letter to Mr Jack

Brown, general secretary of the ATWU, Mr Callaghan recounted

aid aiready given to the textile industry but agreed that the

Gatt multifibre agreement had not worked as effectively as it

might. The economic recession had shown up its inherent

inadequacies—particularly high

minimum growth rates.

"And the EEC slowness in negotiating bilateral restraint

ogreements led to an unprece-

dented upsurge in imports from some suppliers", he said. We have recognized this, and have taken the lead within

the EEC, with great determina-tion, to make sure that there are

tougher arrangements next year

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor

Little hope of import

controls for textiles

Intense objection is also expected to be registered by individual member companies. These include Unibever, which, when a proposal to restrict advertising of detergents by its Lever Bros subsidiary was raised in a Monopolies Com-mission report in 1966, mission report in 1966, threatened to fight the then Board of Trade in the Courts

In that report, the Commission recommended that the companies concerned should cut their selling costs by 40 per cent. It also urged the Board of Trade to consider introducing some form of automatic sanc-tion that would discourage excessive selling expenditure.

A head-on clash between the soap companies and the Governsoap companies and the Govern-ment was eventually avoided by a compromise. The agreement reached in 1967 was that Lever Bros and Procter & Gamble each would market one soap powder and two detergents at prices 20 per cent below those of their regular brends.

The Monopolies Commis-

the present multifibre agreement."

foods published last July. It concluded that the present scale of advertising by Pedi-gree Pet Foods and Spillers does not operate and may not be expected to operate against

suppliers seeking to increase their sales, or of entrants to the market, are increased by the cost of national advertising which bears more heavily on them than on a supplier with a large share of the market.

large share of the market.

Advertisers say that there is "no justification" for singling out advertising and promotional expenditure as being in some way "potentially harmful and deserving of control".

They maintain that there are no objective criteria which can be used by the Government to arrive at "proper" levels of expenditure in any particular case, edding that any control "would inevitably be arbitrary, disporting the whole marketing process and competitive relaprocess and competitive rela

Other objections are that there would be "severe practi-cal difficulties" in administra-tion of controlled advertising.

# Retailers of clothing optimistic

The Prime Minister made no specific response to the main demand put forward in the textile workers' petition—for immediate import controls that would safeguard the industry until the negotistion of these "tougher arrangements" in mid-1978.

The petition, a "spontaneous shop floor reaction " to the present difficulties, asked Mr Callaghan " to take action without delay to limit the import of cheap textiles into the United Kingdom and overseas. This was the principal finding of a joint survey conducted by the CBI and the National Economic Development Office in the second of a series of quarterly surveys designed to provide a more accurate picture of the state of activity in the textile workers."

Mr Brown said the crisis was now bordering on desperation with extensive short-time working taking place and mill closures being announced with unacceptable regularity.

The textile workers seek from specific response to the main demand put forward in the tex-tile workers' petition — for

The textile workers seek from the Government a restoration of the public expenditure cuts leading to a commitment on public purchasing that will direct ministries and state agencies to "buy British, not cheapest". Chief among these agencies are the Ministry of Defence, the Health Service, the Home Office, and local authori-

Wage levels in the industry vary from £35 z week to £85, depending on the job and shift payments, and several thousand both jobs are at stake between now and mid-1978, according to the union. Companies are currently being propped up by the temporary employment subsidy

# By Our Industrial Correspondent orrespondent Britain's clothing and textile

in the immediate future for vir-tually every category of clothing.

Stocks also appear to be flow-

ing through the pipeline fairly freely, and if sales continue to match or improve on retail expectations there could be

expectations there could be above average levels of stock-building.

According to the survey the textile and clothing industry generally appears to be less pessimistic than in the July survey, although there was greater optimism among garment producers than in the spinning and weaving sector. Below capacity working is wide-spread while the outlook for employment, according to the survey, is no brighter.

By Kenneth Owen

The Government backed
National Research Development
Corporation, severely criticized
a yea rago by the Commons
Sebert Committee on Science
and Technology, "does not propose to lower its standards to
appease its critics."

This is stated by Lord Schon,
chairman, and Mr William
Makinson, managing director, in
the corporation's annual report
for 1976-77, which is being published today.

Changes in the role of the
NRDC proposed by the Select
Committee appeared to be
based in part on a number of

Committee appeared to be based in part on a number of misunderstandings, the chairman and managing director say.

Accusations of "scepticism and indifference" are hard to counter. The corporation would counter. The corporation would hope to show enthusiasm and concern, but "it is sometimes difficult to leave these impressions with those, unfortunately the majority, whose proposals one has had to turn down".

Despite a high initial rejection rate, Lord Schon and Mr Makingan saw only about 20 Makinson say, only about 20 per cent of the proposals accepted by the corporation match up to the original

After reaffirming their inten-tion not to lower their stan-dards, they continue: "We cerdards, they continue: "We cer-tainly accept a responsibility to make our services better known to our potential clients, whether they be individuals, public bodies, universities or indus-trial firms, so that both the number and quality of oppor-tunities for participation may be increased."

Both royalcies from Eccaces and levies from joint ventures increased significantly during the year, the report discloses, resulting in a rise in the surplus before tax to more than flom.

The corporation's cash re-serves also have continued to grow, despite the early repay-ment of government loans, and at the end of the financial year stood at more than £14m. The amount authorized for



Lord Schon: Criticisms appear to be based on misunderstand-ings.

investment in joint ventures with industry was £4.81m (compared with £5.55m the previous year), and the ectual development expenditure during the year was £2.35m (compared with £2.79m).

Levies received from joint ventures increased substantially, from £1.2m to £2.15m, and the corporation received £1.63m from the sale of shares in companies

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Total number of current foint ventures with industry rose from 158 in 1975-76 to 185, in respect of which an overall total of £73.17m had been authorized.

Companies with which the corporation set up new development projects during the year included Rapid Data Systems International (addressing machines); Datron Electronics (digital voltmeters and instrumentation); CRD/Freeman Fox & Partners (project-plauning system); Rivers Machinery (machining centre for window and door frames); Cleanstone Company (Bradford) (cleaning equipment); and Cambridge Instrument Company (unresonic echo cardiograph).

## West urged to resist Soviet shipping expansion

tary of State for Trade, said

yesterday.

He said that on his recent visit to Moscow he found a clear assessment on the part of the Russians that the West lacked the resulve to apply sanctions in its own defence. Mr Clinton Davis was speaking at a press briefing in London before talks with shinowners and marrime unions.

Moscow was therefore. Moscow was, therefore, clearly intending to accentuate the differences within the EEC and other Western countries, and continue to exploit them to its own advantage.

By Michael Baily

The West must step up its resistance to Soviet shipping expansion as a matter of urgency, Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary in talking to the Council of Ministers in Luxembourg last week. Mr Clinton Davis had urged that there was no point talking tough to the Soviet Union without being prepared to act from strength. Several European countries, including Britain already had

power to regulate, tax and even shut out Soviet ships from their ports, and there was now a much greater awareness of the seriousness of Rossian rate cutting and expension as a

Time was not on the West's side, Mr Clinton Davis said, and he hoped the EEC Council of Ministers would be ready for more positive action by early next year.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Fixing level of price control safeguards

pany Sir. As chairman of the CBI prices negotiating team I was closely involved in the discussions with the Government on the price control safeguards, and I should like to comment on Derek Harris's article of

He seems to be suggesting that the safeguards have been set at too high a level, and that this is going to prevent the Price Commission from checking companies who seek to improve their margins in a more affluent market.

Mr Harris is wrong in both respects, and I would remind him of the following points:

1 Compared to the safeguards available under the old price available under the old price code, the new interim safeguard is on average only two-thirds the level of the old one, and the principal safeguard is only one-half the old level. These facts were not disputed by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection during his discussions with the CBI. his discussions with the CBL.

2 By definition the safeguards
cannot protect a company which
is trained to increase its region. cannot protect a company which is trying to increase its margin beyond the level of the base period. The interim safeguard only operates if a company has already had its margins reduced below 30 per cent of the base period, and then only the content periods to the period of the perio to the extent necessary to re-

beyond.
3 If inflation is running at, say, 12 per cent per annum, then in the absence of price increases or improved efficiency margins are on average being ended by 1 ciency margins are on average being eroded by 1 per cent per month. The CBI opposed strongly the new powers to freeze prices during the three-month period of an investigation because this imposes a heavy penalty on a company even if the increase is found to be fully justifiable.

From the Managing Director of
The British Aluminium Company
pany
Sir As chairman of the CBI

4 The fact that the companies
named were able to obtain between 70 per cent and 90 per
cent of their pre-notified increase under the interim safeguard is not an indication that the Price Commission is powerless but a consequence of the fact that the companies' margins had already declined substantially below 80 per cent of those prevailing earlier in 1977.

5 While it is true that the Price Commission cannot reduce a price below that granted under the interim safeguard, the rapid erosion of margins when inflation is running at 1 per cent per month would mean that a company with prices frozen after a Price Commis-sion investigation would rapidly find its margin eroded down to the lower level of the principal safeguard.

I cannot see how anybody can argue that these safeguards are too high when the real rate of return on capital for United Kingdom industry in 1977 (the Kingdom industry in 1977 (the base period) is estimated at 4 per cent, compared with 10 per cent in the 1960s. It is now widely accepted—by the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection among many others about the applicability of that the profitability of British industry must be increased in order to stimulate and to finance increased employment and investment.

The safeguard clauses do not prevent the Price Commission from investigating any com-pany and making what contribu-tion it can to improvements in efficiency. The safeguard clauses merely provide a clauses merely provide a minimal protection—in my view inadequate—against the powers of the Price Commission to reduce profits. Yours faithfully, R. E. UTIGER,

#### Planning the operation of London Transport buses

From Dr D: A. Quarmby Sir, Stephen Plowden (October 11) is right to be concerned that Sir, Stephen Phowden (October 11) is right to be concerned that the corporate objectives which London Transport uses for its planning and decision-making should not diverge too greatly from welfare maximization. But as I implied in my article (October 3), the demands of the rough and tumble of real corporate decision-making require the corporate objectives to reflect a balance between being understandable and usable by managers. Even if Plowden's criticisms are valid in theory, the question is do they really metter—that is, will they aeriously bias accumi decisions?

His first criticism is that the maximizing passenger milages aim discriminates against the poor and in favour of the rich, on the grounds that the latter's travel demand is more sensitive to improvements in sensitive to improvements in service quality. As a matter of fact the evidence is, if soy-thing, the other way: the bus market (which is lower income). is more sensitive to price and service quality. But few, if any, of our investment decisions

are sensitive to such fine mar-ket discrimination. Plowden's second criticism is of the "perverse incomive"; is of the "perverse incourte":
that passenger miles can be increased by our forcing passengers—possibly through a service wathdrawel—so make more
circuitous journeys! He really
should give us the credit for
having anticipated that one: we
only maximize "straight line"
passenger miles.

only maximize "straight line" passenger miles. His third point is that, because we treat all passenger miles the same, we may unwittingly encourage people with low values of time, whose journeys are not urgent, to travel at times when they impose delays on people whose pose delays on people whose time is more valuable, and thereby cause a net loss of com-

For the traffic to Iran in particular his contention is

particular his contention is supported by the facts given: a freight cost of around £200 per ton, an average journey-time of 15 to 18 days; high risk of delay, damage or loss. Yet in 1974-75 more than 20,000 tons of freight a week are said to have been carried from Europe to Iran by road: each average day 150 lorries, carrying between them a load equal to the capacity of five 600-ton freight railway trains. Yet there is a railway (con-

Yet there is a raiway (continuous but for two water-crossings) from Europe to Teheran and beyond. Nowhere in its 20,000 words of text does

the supplement mention this. As far as its editors are con-

cerned, the railway seems to be irrelevant. The reader is left to assume that none of

this freight is moved by tail, but he is not rold why this

should be so.

It may be that the lack of

munity benefit. I cannot see this would be a significant effect; in any case our price incentives for such people to travel off-peak, based on both commonsense and a sound marketing policy, help to make sure

of monitoring the level of service provided. While I cannot see the relevance of this to his specific criticisms. I certainly specific criticisms, I certainly agree it is important for us to measure and monitor the service quality as perceived by the passenger. We already do so for the bus service.

I am surprised John Argenti (November 1) makes such heavy weather of London Transport's corporate objectives of "maximum and transports of the services of the

corporate objectives of "maximizing passenger miles subject to meeting a budget constraint". If he is looking for the sort of overall—and somewhat woolly—objectives that characterize the aim of express rubble conthe aim of so many public cor-porate bodies, he need look no (London) Act 1969, which gives as our purpose to provide, or secure the provision of such public possenger transport ser-vices as best meets the needs for the time being of Greater London "

The intention of our corporete sims as I speit out in my erricle on October 3 is to give he board and management London Transport a usable, practical decision criterion in the face of otherwise conflict-ing objectives of financial targets and a public service obligation. If he can give me a better, equally practical decito know of R.
Yours sincerely.
D. A. QUARMBY,
Executive Member, Planning, London Transport,

#### Organization of product design

From Mr M. J. Neale Sir, May I add some comments to try to rie together some of the excellent points made be Lord Brown on the organization of product design (October 10: and the spate of correspondence from university professors stimulated by Mr Littlewood letter (October 19).

Lord Brown's main point that product design should h a separate but coordinate activity in all manufacturis companies. He shows the responsibility for it should not be combined with that for manufacturing because of the differences in the time scale of many of the problems is these two areas.

It is also essential to keep product design separated from the sales function because two essential stimuli to the design of improved products are: (a) An understanding of hoshe present product fails is service.

(b) A recognition of those areas in which it is at present unable to meet the needs of the market.

The acceptance that these two situations exist is quite con trary to the philosophy of sales department, which need to operate in an ambience oproduct comidence in order therefore, provide at the same time a suitable environment if the design and development improved products.

The principle of obtaining clear understanding of prode performance can also give lead to possible methods introducing engineering desi to university students. For ample, possible final youndergraduate projects coube based on investigating to way in which the performation of various machines, as present manufactured, var. with size and speed, and actually determines these lin. The principle of obtaining

When following this approx students will discover that is application of knowledge to understanding of machines, volves the use of material fr many different academic di plines. They should them; able to see that the fundamer knowledge of applied scie which they learn at university while being an essential four tion for engineering design, been taught to them under sight headings which are a venient for acquisition a teaching rather than for approximation and the second s

The effective application knowledge requires, firstly, definition of the practical priem and, secondly, the focus on to that problem of any prists knowledge in a differential prists knowledge in a differential prists. subject mix; an apprawhich, for this reason, is ass described by academics, multi-disciplinary.

These approaches can i engineering science in a which which is appropriate for: in engineering dealgn and is surely the limit to is surely the limit to a design teaching can go it university, single it can simulate the real industriation. Engineering design as such, can only be less by experience in idditionable where all the practical straints of allowable cost, ferred methods of manufaction arrangements for after 5. arrangements for after service, and the general of izational pattern of the spany can be taken into acco-where once again it is be-Lord Brown. Yours sincerely. M. J. NEALE. Director, Michael Neale & Associated

Limited, Downing Street,

Farnham, Surrey GU9 7PH. November 1,

# Freight transport to the Middle East From Professor P. A. Bromhead adequate transit for railway Sir, in The Times of October 28, on freight transport to the Bosporus, is currently Middle East, your Transport Correspondent suggests that, "sending loads all that way through such obstacles by road seems nonsensical". But the supplement mentions, in passing and without drawing implications, a plan to overcome this obstacle by road seems nonsensical ". Bor the traffic to Iran in

55 Broadway, London, SW1H 0BD. October 31.

Sir Peter Masefield: "fetish"

By John Huxley
A housing directorate has been established by the National Federation of Building

Trades Employers in a move to broaden its approach to hous-

The directorate, which will coordinate the federation's work across the whole field of

housing policy, is to be headed by Mr (an Deslandes, director of the House-Builders Federa-

The decision to set up the

By Our Technology Correspondent Large organizations should operate in moderate-sized units to improve industrial relations and productivity, Sir Peter Masefield, former chairman of

masetield, former chairman of the British Airports Authority, said in London last night. Giving his inaugural address as chairman of council of the Royal Society of Arts, Sir Peter said that an increase of only 5 per cent in output from the manufacturing labour force of 7.3 million people (about 30 per cent of the total employed labour force of 24.7 million) would improve Britain's annual export/import balance by about £5,500m a year—" and transform our economic situation.".
Assuming that the United Kingdom and the leading industrial nations within the European Community were level-pegging in terms of manufacturing output per employee in 1960 (and this assumption was probably favourable to the United Kingdom), figures showed that Britain had increased this specific output by about 58 per cent, while the five leading EEC countries had almost doubled theirs. In other words, Britain had fallen behind in manufacturing output by about one third. This

Builders form a housing directorate

struct " techniques within local authority programmes and the expansion in the role of hous-

ing associations.
A federation spokesman ex-

plained yesterday: "These fac-tors, together with the publica-

tion of the Housing Policy Review, which takes an overall

Call for smaller units to improve efficiency of inflation compared with other members of the EEC.

"It is easy to say that insufficient investment, overmanning and restrictive practices are among the reasons for low output—and so they are.

"But I believe that the main cause is a dispirited attitude of mind born of lack of incentives and a general feeling of ineffectiveness—most of all in cause is a dispirited attitude of mind born of lack of incentives and a general feeling of ineffectiveness—most of all in the giant organizations."

Many of the problems must be laid at the door of the "fetish" for mergers in recent years. The result had been "a series of vast and ponderous organizations, many of them blighted by remoteness of confrom employees a stiff con-formity with little scope for individual innovation or enter-

Thus frustration and indifference replaced enthusiasm and dedication. There were some exceptions in large organizations, but not many.

The subject of human pro-ductivity, Sir Peter suggested, was the biggest challenge facing every branch of industry and business today. It was a world problem but was of special moment in Britain. output by about one third. This though the bulk of large disparity was one reason for Britain's relatively high rates cent of it) was channelled

to housing matters essential."
The directorate will enable

close linison to be developed between the House Builders Federation, dealing with the pri-

vate sector, and the NFBTE's public sector housing and hous-

ing areas improvement commit-tees in the public sector.

directorate was taken after recent changes in government policy, such as the spread of sponsored housing schemes, the increasing use of "design and build" and "develop and construct" technique within local

trated by stoppages in the very large organizations which they course, there must be

large organizations with large investments and the economies of scale—especially in heavy industry, in quantity production units, in power generation and in major transport undertak-But even they could best be

administered in units of moderate size, where good communi-cations in both directions smoothed the way to better industrial relations and hence to

"The trouble is that many of the largest employers are more centralized than, I believe, is ar desirable. They necessary or desirable. They cannot engender in their individual employees that 'sense of purpose '-difficult as it may be to achieve in a repetitive production process—which is the stimulus to real endeavour and so to high output."

manufacturing capacity was being misused because it was equipmed to produce goods which were not in strong demand.

An example, he had said.

## Superports may reduce tanker surplus

Development of superports and single buoy mooring facilities in the main oil discharging areas of Europe, Japan and the Caribbean could have a significant impact on reducing the massive surplus of large oil tanker tomage, according to a survey published yesterday. According to the study, the surplus of large tankers in 1980 could amount to between 40 million dwt and 80 million dwt, representing 35 per cent of the fleet of tankers of more than 175 000 days

But if new facilities for bandling large oil tankers were developed over the next three years, the demand for tankers in 1980 would be an estimated 140-170 million dwt which would reduce the surplus to 20 million to 55 million dwt.

In another report\*\* by the same company, prospects for the seaborne transport of coal \*Superports and SBMs Tankers, H. P. Drewry (Ship-

ping Consultants), E30. \*\* Sea Trade and Transport of Coal. H. P. Drewry (Shipping Consultants), £30 single copies, £115 series of 10 reports.

difference between volume and

value figures for the industry and the value figures were con-

sidered to be the important

# Clarification on motors Sir Ronald McIntosh, director general of the National Economic Development Office, said yesterday that he had made a motors was accounted for by misleading reference to fractional horse power motors after the October National Economic Development Council meeting. He had said that a lot of manufacturing capacity was harmed it was difference between wolume and

All the subject matter on all the subjects that matter. The second water obstacle, Lake Van, is now crossed by a rail ferry, capable of being developed to high capacity. Beyond it the 200-mile section of railway line to Tabriz is newly built, and a new high-quality railway line now under construction will soon supplement part of the existing section from Tishriz to Teheran. tion from Tisbriz to Teberan. Even now a passenger can travel by train from London to Tcheran in seven ders. moving at a speed well within the capacity of modern freight trains on adequate track. Why then not, potentially, freight too, if not in seven days then in much less than road's 15? The same applies to Iraq and Syria (and, potentially, beyond

The second water obstacle.

As a solution to the existing deficiencies, the supplement mentions a plan for a rew road through Turkey-though University of Bristol.

the Turks might (it set prefer to give priority whole series of other deve ments to their transport if structure. Such developm might well include the raily in this land of long dies. But the supplement mentions, in passing and without drawing implications, a plan to overcome this obstacle by a railway runnel (much cheaper surely than the second road bridge). in this land of long distriction which the railway's ad thees can be well exploited Given that, in principle, greater the load passing a railway route the less cost per unit carried, and a railway route exists, the haul to Iran (and to some a railway) haul to Iran (and to some Middle Eastern destinations potentially good for What then, is the note here? What obstacles trate the use of rail in A How can they be overest Would it be wise to calcumate costs and benefits, 1012 key and to the other counconcerned, including the

> cussion of freight-transport the Middle East without a any mention of this A PETER BROMHEAD. Department of Politics.

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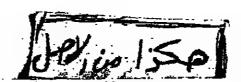
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Can there be any seriors



## BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Floating and the money supply

3ar foreign currency reserves rose by just \$3,000m in October and that, one sumes, is the end of the massive monthly hanges we have now become used to—at isst intil the Government decides whether than floating should be considered a honey-floor or a new way of life.

Meanwhile, the extent of the increase in the October reserves figure adds a little recision to the kinds of pressures the uthorities were under in coming to their ecision to let the pound losse. Just how nich of the inflow—just over £1,700m in terling terms—will have worked through sto the mixtey supply in the month to midctober remains to be seen.

But the fact that the money supply growth

ad to be kept to under £500m to remain ithin the upper limit of 13 per cent annual touth certainly adds credence to the umours that the October money supply gures will show a substantial "overshoot." On the assumption that this is indeed the ise, it could well be that the potential owth allowable in sterling M3 in the

Remain	ting gilt-edged redemption	s: 1977-78
≫ 15. 🐬	Treasury 3% 1977 -	£850m
IC 20	Brit Transport 4% 1972-7	7 £242m
v 15	Treasury 9% 1978	£1,500m

cond half of the financial year, if money pply is to finish the 12-month course target, may be no more than £2,000m-

From this it follows that if rather more an half of this year's public sector borrowrequirement falls into the second six inths of the year, and if bank lending to ? private sector continues at around £300m nonth, then the authorities will still have sell at least £3,000m net of public-sector bt over the remaining six months of the n-as well as refinancing whatever may nain outstanding of the £2,592m nominal gilts due for redemption.

The authorities are already part of the y down the road with calls and sales of and £650m since the October make-up

addition, there is a further call of tam due in late November, plus the £291m still outstanding on BP. But though the atutions may already be feeling bloated, Government is clearly relying on their ing room for a few more courses yet.

#### ons Gold nother

isolidated Gold Fields' shares have fallen or 25 per cent in two weeks, a reflectorth of the South African situation and erday a hostile reception to the group's and rights issue in 21 years.

he £40m two-for-nine issue at 155p npted a 20p drop to 177p in the share e and pessimists predict further weak-; in the price unless the gold price comes

te rather vague reasons for the issue itiment, particularly as the nce sheet is not stretched gross bor-

# shake-out in Eurobonds

Eurobond market is still in the middle worst shake-out for perhaps two years. he second half of last month some of price losses seen during the first two cs were recovered; but in the past few all those gains have been lost again. se problems, of course, are the weakof the dollar and the continuing upward in American interest rates, comided by what Europeans see as the truly ning public squabble between the White ie and the Federal Reserve Board. it the impact on the Euroboad market

been by no means as bad as it might , been. There has been some significant against the background of an almost dearth of buying interest, but nothing the avalanche that those with memories ie 1974 bear market have feared.

ver the unfavourable fundamentals the et is, indeed, holding up better than t have been expected, reinforcing the ments that the bond market is now more broadly based, both in terms of lealing capacity and its institutional ort, than was the case three years ago. market may not yet be through the of the storm, however. The key indicator

the recent Hydro Conduit acquisition makes Cons Gold the biggest concrete pipe manufacturer in a fragmented market. With this issue, Cons Gold is only forecasting a 10 per cent dividend increase, which also upset the market. That means a 7.9 per cent prospective yield on the ex-rights price of 173p, while the prospective

funds of above £400m. Clearly though the

group's expansionist policy in the United Kingdom and the United States, will demand

contributed 26 per cent of group revenue.

In its bid to expand away from these

two traditional sources, Cons Gold has found itself facing the dilema of other inter-

national mining houses—depressed base

metal prices, political uncertainty in developed countries as well as LDC's savage

cost increases in new mining ventures and continual ending currency fluctuations.

dom, where ARC has been an outstanding

success, and into the United States, where,

Hence the move into the United King-



Berkeley Hambro, whose chairman is Mr Jocelyn Hambro (above), is through the fire which resulted from its unfortunate European developments in 1972-73, but it has been fairly badly singed in the process. Disposals totalling £32.7m in the first six months, largely in France, but also of properties in Holland, the United States and Canada, will have reduced the loans of £93m in the December balance sheet by a similar amount, cutting exposure to currencies and bringing gearing down from three times to roughly twice shareholders' funds.

Net asset value will have been left nearly intact as most of the extraordinary loss on the sales, amounting to £4.2m, representing the difference between historical cost and sale prices, was allowed for as a provision in the 1976 accounts, but there must be disappointment that a further £1.19m has had to be taken from reserves as a result of the costs of disposals and penalties on the early cancellation of loans.

With luck, that should be the end of the extraordinary losses, and although revenue will not show any great benefits this year, there should be some improvement in the second half, pre-tax profit which was only £362,000 in the half (£558,000) will leap as the interest charge of £4.3m comes down with the borrowings; and although the interim dividend is only maintained at last the final could well vear's reduced 1.660. be restorted to earlier levels—the peak papngs are £176m against shareholders' ment was equal to 4.95p gross in 1975.

is the steepness of the yield curve, since

the capacity of dealers and professionals

to hold bonds on their books at a profit

depends on a worthwhile margin existing

it has been declining ever since and is now

Six month Eurodollars, for instance, are now at 7½ per cent while prime five year bonds are yielding barely 8 per cent.

tinue to rise and if, as lately Eurodollar

rates rise even faster, it is possible that the margin between short and long rates could

be eliminated completely. his would be the

point where dealers would come under

particular pressure, especially since some of

the more recent comers into the secondary

market may already be nursing capital losses on their portfolios.

The unresolved question is just how big the professionals bond books now are, and

whether efforts by them to cut back might

be accompanied by selling from some longer

term investors in favour, perhaps, of the

British gilt-edged market.

If interest rates in the United States con-

perilously close to disappearing.

industries have used a 30 per cent increase and above in their calculations of the effects between short term financing costs and the return on the portfolio. Earlier this year that margin was about three full points, but

very small morease in prices
next year.

The decision will be taken by
ministers from the Organization
of Petroleum Exporting
Countries (Opec) when they
meet in Venezuela just before
Christmas. All the indications

are that they will settle for an increase o, between 5 and 10

# Will miners' pay put a damper on coal?

PRICES OF FUELS

pence per therm

up oil costs to 13p a the

and three years of

peace in the pits have

led to renewed

interest in coal

as a long-term energy

source. The fuel also

still dominates the

power generation

market. How much of

this could be at risk?

Roger Vielvoye reports.

has produced distress cargoes of very cheap fuel oil on Euro-pean markets.

During the work-to-rule by power station men all fuel price considerations are merely hypo-thetical since the CEGB has

abandoned its "merit order"

system and is using any piece of serviceable generating equip-ment, including oil-burning units. The CEGB's merit system

ensures that those stations cap-able of producing the cheapest electricity are used to produce the bulk of the country's power

It has cartainly not escaped the notice of the miners that

while power stations have been burning record amounts of coal, the NCB has been able to meet the CEGB's needs even with

low productivity. Increasing output per man would reduce the board's unit costs of produc-

tion, but, unless it reduced the overall price of coal, much of the additional production would

The NCB has high hopes of

increasing its sales to power stations, but this would require

the generating board to bring

tions that are uneconomic at

present coal prices. For new and efficient coal-burning sta-tions the CEGB will have to

wait until the second stage of the Drax station in Yorkshire

By this time the NCB should also be reaping the results, and

is ready in the early 1980s.

go directly into stock.

USED BY INDUSTRY

Any battle between the National Coal Board, the Covernment and the miners over pay this winter will certainly be fought in the power stations. The big Nevertheless South Africa and gold, are NCB is how much of this vital market for coal will be swept away by an industrial dispute or a peaceful settlement that brings a large increase in

Coal at present dominates the power station scene purely on its price. The Central Elecincity Generating Board can buy coal 10 to 15 per cent cheaper than oil with the result that the oil's share of the power station market has halved in three years, while coal use has risen to a record 77 million tons

But it is a position that is ex-tramely finely balanced and the generating board has the ability to make drastic reductions in the use of coel at almost a mount's notice. Through the belving of oil consumption a large part of the capacity at the 28 oil-burning power stations

barying of our consumption a large part of the capacity at the 28 oil-burning, power stations throughout the country is idle or under used, waiting for the day, when oil once more becomes competitive with coal.

The claim for £135 a week for coal face workers, if conceded, would immediately make most of this oil plant competitive once again. The eight pence that the Ceutral Elecutivity Generating Board pays for each them produced by coal would immediately rise to nearly 12p a therm—willing stilling, dissuance of the 13p costs of generation by residual fuel oil.

These figures (and also those in the chart) do not include the cost of fuel transport to the power stations, which is high in the case of coal delivered by aration by esidual fuel oil.

Coal does not have to match the price of oil before it completely loses its competitive edge. Experts reckon that its ease of handling compared with coal gives oil a natural ip a therm advantage. For new power stations to be economic it needs a 3p a them advantage, rising to 4p a therm if small and medium sized industries are to make the charge.

The net result of an increase in coal prices of this size would be the loss of up to 10 million tons of the NCB's power station market, a renaissance in the oil compenies' sales to the CEGB and a minimum increase in electricity poices to the con-

companies' saies to the CEGB and a minimum increase in electricity prices to the consumer of 15 per cent. Of the 10 million ton-drop only six million tons would be lost to oil. The remaining four million would be accounted for by lower electricity sales as a consumer reaction to higher prices.

Settlement based on a 50 per cent wage increases would reduce the coal "burn" by five million tons (two million from lost sales and three million to oil), while it would decline by 1.5 million tons (500,000 tons from lost sales and a million tons to oil) from a 30 per cent increase. It is perhaps signifi-cent that economists in the fuel

their calculations of the exects of a pay rise.

Previous large increases in coal prices have been enshioned by even larger rises in oil prices. But oil prices are no longer souring at the meteoric rates of 1974 and 1975. There is a glut of oil throughout the world, which looks like producing only a very small increase in prices next year.

increase o, between 5 and 10 per cent and a further extension of the 1977 prices into pext year cannot be ruled out.

During the past year oil's competitiveness with coal has slipped, even though world oil prices have been fairly stable. The decline in the value of sterling has added to import costs and industrial oils have had to contend with increases in tax.

The average cost of coal delivered to the power stations in 1976 was 8p a therm, against oil's 10.6p. In the first six months of this year the gulf widened, with the delivered cost of coal reaching 9.2p a therm, while sterding's difficulties and extra tax have pushed up oil costs in 13p a therm. extra production, of invest-ments in existing low-cost mines and in new pits, as outlined in the Plan for Coal. Under the original Plan for Coal it was expected that new mines would produce 20 million tons a year by 1985. The NCB has revised this target to

10m tons, partly because of the difficulties of getting planning permission for new workings.

Nevertheless, it is still confident that it can meet its target of increasing national output to 135m tons a year by the mid-However, after suffering from sterling's problems oil prices can expect to reap some benefit from the pound's recovery. The CEGB is also getting some marginal relief from the world oil glut, which or increasing national output to 135m tons a year by the mid-1980s. The lost 10m capacity from new mines would be compensated for by slower exhaustion and more extensive development of existing capacity. But the mill he the costs of nonduc-Price competitiveness compared with oil

opment of existing capacity. But it will be the costs of production from the existing pits and not the new capacity that will set the marginal cost for the industry in the 1980s.

All the energy forecasts for the United Kingdom place great importance on a healthy coal industry. Once oil prices are affected by any shortages in supply during the 1980s it is expected that many industries will start to move back to coal in their day-to-day operations. Only 25 years ago large heaps of coal outside grimy boiler-houses were a feature of the industrial landscape. Most factories depended on coal to power their operations much as they had done since the start

HEAVY

COAL

power their operations much as they had done since the start of the Industrial Revolution.

In the 1950s cheap oil from the Middle Rest flooded on to the market and the much chronicled decline of the British coal industry began. Output dropped from 220 million tone a year in 1952 to 120 million tone tons last year, as companies tons last year, as companies made a rapid conversion to a fuel that was cheaper, cleaner and easier to handle.

its customers, even though the since 1973-1974 meant that conversion to coal could have provided cheeper energy costs in

confidence in coal. Many energy managers have been carefully exploring the possibilities of converting from oil to coal as part of a longer term energy

part of a longer term energy strategy.

Few had actually made a decision, but according to one of the Government's fuel advisers there was a willingness to consider coal that had been absent several years before. However, this adviser added: "Coal's credibility as a reliable fuel is once again in question." The rejection of the productivity deal and its likely consequences is going to force companies to think very hard about moving away from oil before it is absolutely pecessary." is absolutely necessary."

#### Economic notebook

# Hobson's choice for Mr Healey

To answer that question, and

to clear our minds of the contradictory impressions which come from the statements which the Chancellor makes from time to time about price and non-price compensiveness. it is worth looking at just what has been happening to our exports over the past year under the impulse of the very sharp devaluation of 1976.

North Sea Oil bas, of course, been the most important element in our remarkable balance of payments improvement over the past year, but it is not the only one. There has also been a dramatic recovery in our exports of other goods, including manufactures which have performed so badly for so

In the second quarter of 1977 the volume of exports rose by 4 per cent over the first quarter level and in the third quarter it rose by a further 21 per cent.

ther 24 per cent.

This is the evidence from the real world to confirm what theory tells us—that, although the "non-price" elements in competitiveness, such as delivery dates, quality and so on do matter, price matters as well and it matters very much.

The extent to which overseas well and it matters very much.

The extent to which overseas sales are affected by price changes depends to a large extent, of course, on the particular commodity being studied; but most estimates come out with an average elasticity for exports of about 11, with the impact on semi-finished manufactures being much greater than on finished manufactures.

manufactures.

This is clearly understandable, since semi-manufactures will tend to be those products bought in bulk with a fairly uniform specification.

It is in the fitting together of the misres that of the pieces that qualities such as design become more

such as design become more important.

Changes in relative prices are thus crucially important in determining the way in which export volumes move. The only question at issue, then, is the extent to which changes in the parity of the pound, or any other currency, are reflected in changes of relative prires.

In other words, does a In other words, does a change in the value of sterling become absorbed through changes in the price quoted by

The answer, in the short term at least, is a little bit of both, with a clear tendency after three years for the whole effect of the parity change to be reflected in a change in the

sterling price quoted by Bri-

This is understandable. If the pound is devalued, export-ers will tend to raise their prices to the prevailing world level, because by doing so they

can get higher profit margins, something which is more diffi-cult to do at home because of price courtol; and, if they are

selling overseas and there is a revaluation, they will either cut back on their profit mar-gins by absorbing the costs of the higher pound or they will

be driven out of overseas mar-

·Thus we would expect to see

an immediate downturn in the volume of exports (the Confe-

deration of British Industry

tish exporters.

manufacturers or is it re-flected entirely in a change of the volume sold? Only the captive power stations and steel markets kept coal from virtual extinction. Higher profits Two disastrous strikes in 1972 and 1974 ensured that oil kept margins

These years of peace in the pits has slowly helped to re-build the business community's

Just how big an impact will has revised its prediction of the upward "float" of the export growth down from 6 pound have on our trade with per cent to 5 per cent for the the rest of the world—and period from the second half of should we worry about it?

1977 to the second half of the second half o period from the second half of 1977 to the second half of 1978, which seems a reasonable revision, though its estimate of 8 per cent for world trade growth might be optimistic), leading into a protracted but slower decline as companies give up because it is no longer

profitable. In the short run the decrease in volume will have the more significant impact on demand, coupled with the slightly higher import penetration which will result; but over a longer period the fall in profits is likely to be more important through its effect on industrial investment. It may just be coincidence that there was no action until the negotiations for Ford to build a new plant in Wales had been completed, but the rise in sterling is bound to have an effect on the many other businesses thinking of doing something

#### Exchange controls

So, if we accept that relaxing exchange controls on movements of money out of the country was the alternative to allowing sterling to rise (it was not necessarily the only one), the logic of the Chancellor's actions is hard to follow. He has prevented money flowing out to finance investment overseas at the price of making investment here less attractive for both British and overseus companies.

The contractionary effect on demand will to some extent be demand will to some extent be mitigated by the fact that inflation will be lower and this will, if it does not cause an equal reduction in nominal wages, lead to higher disposable incomes for consumers. However, even on the more optimistic assessments of the extent to which lower import prices feed through into the general price level, the effect over the next 12 months is obviously bound to be far less than the "one for one" under which a 1 per cent revaluation would reduce reteal prices by would reduce reteal prices by 1 per cent.

Even if we assume a far more generous effect than the Treasury has ever considered, it is hard to see how the reduction in prices could be much more than a third of the much more than a third of the size of the revaluation, which would meen that if sterling appreciates 5 per cent from the average level during the summer we would expect inflation to be about I to 2 per cent lower than it otherwise would have been.

This is obviously a worthwhile reduction, but the net effect, as the International Monetary Fund pointed out at the meeting in October, cannot be anything other than a con-

Where does all this leave the policy of the Government, which says that reducing unemployment is its top priority? Of the cresponents of demand, exports have been deak a blow and investment has been made less attractive

That leaves only one course left. The Government has often said that it rejects the idea of a consumption-led boom as a way of using North Sea oll. In practice, it is faced now with the choice between having a consumption-led recovery or no recovery at all.

David Blake

# Business Diary: Thompson's listening post • Chop logic

In that way, I shall be going somewhere I want to go and not as happens so often in the way of government changes—sent somewhere I didn't want to go", he said.

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wants his old contacts at / like GKN, Rolls-Royce ucas to make good use ! and adds : "I am going o in touch with the major cun corporations such as General Motors and tabuse. You could say shall be selling Great: Limited and acting at ning post for British in-

at the same time." n is more. Thompson is ing drufted to Washingle beard that the present ent former mining engi-line Smith was leaving to be OECD in Paris and The the job.

handed over a cheque for £3,000 to sponsor a sport that you would think insurance companies would steer well clear of—karate.

The cheque was accepted by Arthur Rees, honorary president of karate's coordinating body, the Martial Arts Con-mission. Together with a Sports Council grant, it will help fund a visit to Tokyo by the British karate team next

If karate seems a rather risky activity as far as injuries go, it is a very good risk in terms of competitions won. Brimin is no longer up to winning world cups in her own national sport—soccer—but happens to be present world karate champion and the only country to bear the Japanese

Our team will be defending this title against them on the forthcoming trip.

Rees, former chief constable of Staffordshire, is chairman of the Queen's Jubilee Appeal (Sport) and his commission and insures—practitioners of karate. We trust that claims are settled amicably.



'That's the fifth successive paragraph you've begun with \* Uniortunately ', sir."

Department of Trade officials were busy last night trying to warn as many business travellers as possible against arriving in Abu. Dhabi without having first booked a hotel, or without checking a reservation already made.

The Abu Dhabi government has reserved most if not all the hotel space of international standard between Saturday and Christmas night. This period taks in three important local events, a Unesco conference, the national day and the Mos-lem new year, D of T officials

" Meat is no longer a food, but one of the commodities which the powers that be in Brussels play with and use to retain the farmers' vote in Europe, to sub-sidize exports of bacon to this an accurate and acceptable country from Europe, making picture, and (d) agree to buy As if it isn't hard enough to first the angular country from Europe, making picture, and (d) agree to buy more than 300 businessmen in pigkeeping here unprofitable, the from us half our print order?" the South-west about the time and to prohibit the import of the architect says: "Yes, and money it costs to comply there could now be troubles at

an important business destina-tion—Abu Diabi. tine, which beef can be bought at one-third of the price of European beef—15p per lb there against 45p per lb here for bodies of prime beef." (From annual statement of William Anstis, chairman and managing director of Meat Trade Suppliers Limited.)

> Architects—as the gyrations at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) remind a bemused public—still cannot advertise. And that, it seems, is the way most of the pro-fession want it. But there is advertisement and advertise-

Suppose a book publisher says to a well-known architectural practice: "We want to bring out a book about your cost of VAT. Professor Cedric bring our a book about your cost of VAT. Professor Cedric work. Will you (a) suggest an Sandford, director of Bath author, (b) give him all information and assistance. (c) check Studies, has received a £12,200

vene the professional code. Or at least when publishers Lund Humphries brought out books on Goilins Melvin Ward and Yorke Rosenberg Mardall the RIBA made no complaint. The latest title to result from

this sort of arrangement is Adventure in Architecture: A Profile of the Owen Luder Partnership—an attractive and informative little book about one of Britain's more dynamic and, yes, genuinely adventurous firms of architects.

The author, Kate Wharton (a former editor of The Architect) manages to look rather deeper into her subject that just the buildings. She probes what makes an architect's office tick; in the nick of time to save the practice, midnight oil liberally burned, and "the vital relephone call that recharged the adrenalin.

Commissioned titles may lack the waspishness of the architectural journals, but they may make for wider public discussion. Luder (quoted by Wharton)
asserts: "It is beaithier to have
buildings and architecture
criticized and subjected to
argument rather than ignored."

grant from the Social Science Research Council to question

# **Bryant Holdings**

HOMES: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: BUILDING: CIVIL ENGINEERING

- \* Profit before taxation £2.66m. compared with £2.39m. last year.
- ★ Gross final dividend 2.1p per share (1.9p last year) maximum permissible.
- \* Main trading activities all profitable. Cash position very satisfactory.
- ★ Market value of large land bank well in excess of balance sheet figure. \* Reserves increased by development surplus of
- £1.2m. additional to trading profit. \* Satisfactory results anticipated for current year.

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Any person who desires to object to the transfer of the Licence should send to the Licence should send to the Clotte to the Camma Licensing Committee for the Petry Sessional Division of Bromley in the South East London Commission Area before the 17th day of November two copies of a brief statement in writing of the grounds of his objection.

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LEGAL NOTICES

A second selling wave despite record reserves

Stock markets

miners' vote.

After an initial mark-down had found buyers "off", Jobbers were then hit by another wave of selling which was more In the RIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Josice Templemen In the Motso of Templement In the Motso of The Compenian Act. 1948.

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their engineering stocks? Stock-broker Houre Govett is gloomy and Phillips & Drew is cautious. By contrast, Spencer Thornton is more cheerful. This broker today and tomorrow is taking 60 institutions into the New Forest to explain why. The rising pound is not a boon, but the point will be made that many point with or made that many engineering groups sell services with a lot of technical know-how. These should be able to charge what the international market will bear.

of the industrial pitches in late trading, but did little to relieve the general gloom. In this frame of mind many dealers decided to leave for home early to escape the worst effects of the power cuts which were also reported to be hitting

There was little relief for equities and gilts as they faced the prospect of a winter of industrial discontent after the industrial discontent after the minors' vate.

The FT Index, 11 points down at 2 pm, closed 6.1 off at 486.0, the eighth consecutive day it has lost ground.

Government stocks discounted the reserves and long dates,

the reserves and long dates, after heavy selling at the start, did not make up much ground and closed one and threeand crosed one and three-quarter points lower through-out the list.

Dealers said it was "loose" holders at home rather than overseas investors which had been selling. "Shorts" finished half a point off.

been selling. "Shorts" finished half a point off. "Blue chip" equities were again lowered by double-figure amounts, in particular the major

exporters.
Foremost among this latter Foremost among this latter group were Metal Box, off 18p to 312p, ICI, which was again hit by heavy selling and slumped 12p to 375p, Fisons, off 15p to 380p and Glaxo where the fall was 10p to 603p. Firm against the trend was Courtaulds which ended a penny better at 119p.

Renewed speculative interest on takeover talk helped Sidlaw to gain 70 to 90p. Lack of fresh

to gain 7p to 90p. Lack of fresh news had Spink 7p off at 297p, while Peachey slipped 4p to 77p, after L. Fairclough, down 2p to 65p, had denied any interest or intention of buying an interest in the property

as dealers pondered Tuesday's figures, in particular the troublesome Canadian interests. Elsewhere on the pitch, W. H. Smith "A" dipped 20p to 760p as buyers withdrew after a long period of support on talk of a forthcoming share split.

In foods, the start of an advertising campaign did little for Bejam, which dropped 10p to 153p, while Kwik Save lost 11p to 256p in front of figures withich dealers expect to show profits up from £5.25m. In stores, Gus "A" was hit hard again, losing 8p to 316p, while Debenhams at 103p and the recently strong MFI at 103p both dipped five points.

The mail orders were also cold

The mail orders were also sold

Though demand is reported to have been poor of late, dealers are sticking by their interim forecast for UBM of a profit of £3m against £1.1m. The hope is that better cost ratios will have offset flagging demand. But the shares were not immune to the general slide, losing 5p to 67p. Equity Bank has an 11 per cent

heavily, with Empire losing 7p to 180p, Grattan the same amount to 144p and Freemans

£10,828.9m in the previous period to £6,753.26m. Equities: accounted for £893.4m, against £935.52m.

Equity turnover on Novembers 1 was £85.67m (14,389 bargains).

Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BAT Did, Reed, GEC-Rank. Thos Tilling, Thorr Distillers, Beecham, Prudemial, GKN, BP partly paid, AP Gement, Shell, Bejam, Consolidated Gold Fields, Marchwiel Hammerson and W. H. Smith, A.

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# Doland chairman hits back at Jessel and urges bid acceptance

Mr Alfred Davis, chairman of railor and outfitter George Doland, has fired a broadside at the arguments of major shareholder and fellow director Mr Oliver Jessel, who has rejected the 25p per share cash offer from Maurice James

In a letter to holders he describes the offer as generous. He also reports that the group has subsequently received no approaches from any party, including Mr Jessel, suggesting a higher offer. This is surpris-ing if Mr Jessel is justified in asserting that James' offer is too low, he says.

In addition to its existing holding, acceptances have now boosted James' stake to almost 40 per cent of the Doland equity.

Mr Jessel holds his 27 per cent share through three com-panies—Capital Trust, Righ Income Trust and Clairmace— in which he is a director. He rejects the bid on the grounds of both timing and price. Doland is now in the middle

Our Financial Staff

A loss of £2.29m from the

discontinued operations in Aus-

tralia has spoilt the pre-tax profits of Wood Hall Trust. In the year to June 30 last, they

slipped by just over a quarter to £4m from £5.6m. Turnover

increased from £289m to £460m. The losses from the major

73.2 per cent owned, Australian subsidiary Wood Hall—which

has stopped trading—stems

from two operations, gas and oil pipe-laying which accounted for a £1.4m deficit and property development, where the

loss totalled £900,000. The third

Loss-making offshoot

axed by Wood Hall Tr



Mr Oliver Jessel.

of a major reorganization and the benefits of this will show through over the next couple of years, he says,

However Mr Davis points out that the net assets of the com-pany are significantly less than 25p and hints that the figure is, in fact, nearer 20p.

In arriving at this figure, the through next year.

At the time of the interim

report in May the group made a £1.2m provision for the esti-mated loss on the pipe-laying

operation.
The auditors have again

queried the large item included as a current asset in the accounts of Wood Hall, Aus-

This is in respect of the un-

recovered and direct costs of £8.6m incurred upon a major

pipe line contract completed, for which claims in excess of

those costs, and counter-claims notified by the employer, have been made. Until these claims are determined by litigation (instituted), or negotiation, it is not possible to assess whether

a sum greater or less than the S8.6m will be received, they

Doisnd directors and their financial advisers Henry Ansbacher & Co, have taken account of the probable loss on stocks as a result of liquidating the company. The net asset value per share, taken on the basis of the book value, would amount to around 32p.

The James' offer values Doland at £1.1m which, Mr Jessel points out, equals the amount spent on the purchase of new shops in the last 2½ years and the provision of working capital for them. But the chairman hits back at what he terms as Mr Jessel's "extraordinary error" of disregarding the liabilities, totalling ar £800,000 at July 31 last. around

Doland's interim results, the period to the end of July, are due out this month but Mr Davis warns that pre-tax profits will not equal last time's £23,000—itself down on a pre-vious £62,000. Poor trading on the traditional side of the business and the indirect effects of the reorganization have proved too much for the group but some improvement will show

### Tax saving the key to CMT's spurt By Richard Alien

The considerable improve-The considerable improvement forecast by Central Mar, u-facturing & Trading Group at the interim stage turos out to be rather less than 13 per cent pre-tax for the full year.

For the 12 months to July 31 pre-tax profits have climbed from £3.5m to £3.94m on sales 17.6 per cent higher at £56.3m. But introduction of the ED19 proposals on deferred exaction

proposals on deferred taxation slashed the tax total from over £1m to less than £316,000. The result is that net earnings per share jumped from 12.8p to

19.2p.

Meanwhile a final dividend of 2.1p gross takes the total payment up by the maximum to 4.02p gross as predicted at the

interim stage.
The improvement on the previous record of £3.7m pre-tax recorded back in 1974 owes most to continuing growth in the crucial industrial services the crucial industrial services division. Here operating profits climbed by a third to £2.14m on sales 34 per cent up £20.5m.

CMT reports that this division increased market share

particularly in the second half, and that with order books at record levels and adequate stocks the new year has started well for all companies within the section.

Despite the severe conditions

steel stockholding division managed to increase its contribution 16 per cent to over £1m on turnover 18 per cent higher

at £16.6m.

Light engineering managed only an 8 per cent increase to profits of £376,000 on a turn-over increase of more than 20 per cent to £4.2m, but the group says that demand has

Improved
The main disappointment has the main disappointment has been metal processing where profits slumped from £513,000 to £148,000. CMT says that profitability has suffered in line with that of the whole of the ferrous metal processing trade as a result of the steel-making recognity. making recession and con-sequent lowering of scrap

## Carborundum is not backing Eaton bid The board of Carborundum

The board of Carborundum has unanimously determined not to support the proposal made by Eaton Corp to acquire for cash any and all Carborundum's outstanding shares of common stock at \$47 each.

Mr William H. Wendel, president and chief executive of Carborundum, said the decision reflected a judgment that the "consideration proposed to be offered was inadequate and that the proposed combination would not be in the best interests of Carborundum and its stockholders." The board was stockholders." The board was Morgan Stanley, its financial

advisor. Subsequently, Eaton has indicated a willingness to negodate on a price of more than \$47. No such negotiations are now in progress. Mr Wendel noted that he was in no posicion to predict what action if any Eaton might take, although Eaton had previously indicated that it intended to proceed with or without the approval of Carborundum's board.

Honda Motor 36 pc up Honde Motor which has moved from being Japan's largest maker of motor cycles into one of its largest makers of cars made per profits of 19.02 billion yen against 13.85 billion yen in the six months to August 31. Sales soared 20 per cent to 519.613 billion yen, products, as well as higher prices for citrus and coffee/ts per cent to 519.613 billion yen, products.—Reuter.

per cent to 519.613 billion yen.
Overseas sales on a consolidated basis amounted to 68.7
per cent of the total, or 357
hillion yen. A year earlier they
were 65 per cent of sales.
Honda sold 1.28m motor
cycles in the half year, up from
1.14m the year before, and
347,000 cars, up from 266,000
units. About 63 per cent of
motor cycle sales and 65 per
cent of car sales were overseas.

cent of car sales were overseas. American Express

American Express reports the highest earnings for any quarter and nine-month period in its 127-year history.

Mr James D. Robinson, cheirman, said: "These excellent results reflect continued fine performances by virtually all

International

American Express units. Consolidated net income for the third quarter of 1977 rose by 30.1 per cent to \$76,011,00 or \$1.06 a share.

Net income for the nine months ending September 36 was up 38.8 per cent \$192,973,000, or \$2.69 a sharts.

Revenues for the nine months were \$2,517,451,000, an increase of 16.4 per cent.

Coca-Cola confident Atlanta. — Coca · Cola · tl. world's biggest soft drin's maker, is looking for go foreign and domestic volur gains as well as gains in profito continue into the four

quarter. quarter earnings of 77 cents c sales of \$948.9m compared with earnings of 69 cents on sales. \$840.1m last year. For the nir months, it earned \$2.09 a she on sales of \$2.68 billion again

\$1.87 a share on sales of \$2.5 billion.
Coca-Cola said that the dolis! sales increases in the thir-quarter reflected higher un-sales of soft drinks and citra-

Kredietbank bright

Results of Kredietbank in the first half of its current business year were satisfactory. The Belgian bank adds that it looking forward to results the financial year's second he with confidence. with confidence. In its report on the first has year ended September 30, 197; the bank did not state earnings

nor did it project profits for the year. In the previous ye profit was 1,310m francs:

Kredietbank paid a net paided of 265 francs a share.

The bank has been able offset increases in overhe. which were smaller than I year and these trends will m probably continue.—AP-DJ.

# Mistakes in accounts at Johnson-Stephens

Previous errors in the audited accounts of two of the subsidiaries of engineer Gordon Johnson-Stephens Holdings made a masty dent in profits for the 13 months to February 29, 1976.

The total deficit of £1.1m The total deficit of £1.1m pre-tax includes identifiable items of not less than £350,000 in relation to prior years, £106,000 in respect of losses and provisions in the French subsidiaries, £149,000 for stocks written down as obsolete and £62,000 for redundancy costs.

In the year to March 31 last, the group made a pre-tax profit of £633,000 against £248,000 for the previous 13 months.

ALCAN BOOTH INDUSTRIES ALCAN BOOTH INDUSTRIES
Agreement has been reached between Carlton Industries and Alcan Booth Industries for Alcan Booth to acquire the business and assets of Gardiner Alumin from Carlton. It is entimated that the consideration, which will be paid in cash, will be about £1.5m and will be on the basis of net asset value as certified by the companies' auditors.

ISSUES IN OCTOBER New issues in October raised £159.3m gross against £205.9m in September. Net issues were £80.9m against £81.5m. INGALL INDUSTRIES

Chairman says first quarter con-firms that most companies are operating well and the directors are aiming to achieve a resump-tion of former growth. BIGGS & BILL

A French subsidiary has sold third phase of their Nice Carros development near Nice, Purchasers paid over 5m francs (2575,000). McNEILL GROUP

McNEILL GROUP
Turnover for half-year to June
30, £6.6m (£7.7m). Profits, before
depreciation and innerest, down
from £698,000 to £307,000. No interim payment (1.25p net last
time). Second-half's results expected to show some improvement
over £15th's.

Briefly

A.D. INT Company proposes to seek aproval by the holders of 82 per cent unsecured loan stock 1981-91, to a reorganisation of that stock. CARR'S MILLING INDS Group is buying Thomas Edmondson of Penrith for its agri-cultural merchanting subsidiary,

FIRST UNION GENERAL.
INVESTMENT TRUST
Following acquisition of control by Guardian Liberty Life Group, company is adopting a more liberal dividend policy. In first place, there is to be a special non-recurring dividend of 5 cents.

Company is well advanced in finalizing claims of creditors and of placing proposals for recon-struction of company before shareholders and creditors as soon

NASCO INSURANCE Establishment of new insurance company Nasco Insurance Brokers to specialize in Middle East business amounced in London. New company is backed by Nasco Estaglian group in which Stewart Wrightson insurance group has majority interest. SILKOLENE LUBRICANTS

Turnover for half-year to June 30, £4.34m (£3.39m). Pre-tax profit £492,000 (£187,000). Chairman expects profit for the remainder of the year to commune at present level. NCHANGA CONS COPPER

Company has completed payment of the K33m compensation which was due to Anglo American Corporation under the terms of termination agreement dated termination November 15.

ISLE OF MAN ENT Board has accepted resignation of Mr K. P. A. Nicholson as a director. But there is to be no change in key shareholding of Nicholson Investments. Business appointment Yorkshire Bank names new

general manage Mr F. Graham Sunderle deputy general manager of sture Bank is to be genesis ager from January 1. He the Mr E. Cedric Muxiow, ill retiring. Mr C. D. Parker has reher finance director of Readind Concrete and Mr W. D. ex-has been made group finand

Mr A. R. F. Buxton has an a director of Mercantile 4. Mr John Kuipers has succe Mr Humphrey Tilling on board of Thames Television.

Mr. Antony West joins board of Derbyshire Builds Society.

Mr. R. D. Brewster joins 1, board of Gitspur.

Mr. Derrick Hanson has gone of the boards of Manufacturer Hanover and Manufacturers Hanover Bank (Guernsey).

The Earl of Westmoriand ha

The Earl of Westmorland in been made a director of Crow-Life.

Life.

Mr Stephen Dawson of the National Enterprise Board has been made a director of Systims Leeds following the recent acquisition by the NEB of a 26 per cet stake in the company.

Mr Roy Brighton has been maddirector general of the Roy Society for the Prevention / Accidents. Miss Jean Lowe has become lirector of Robert B. Lowe, k. A. Edwardes-Evans b.

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Mr Jim Buchan has been mad chief executive of Plasticisers.

Mr E. H. M. Clutterbuck is played by the deputy chairmans, of Scottish & Newcastle Brewen from December 1, following k Robert King being made chief executive. Mr Clutterbuck remain on the board and will concentration his work as president of the European Brewery Conventic and within the Common Mark Brewers' Association.

Mr P. W. Stubbs has been maintaining director of Bud.

managing director Adhesive Materials.

# operation, coalmining, turned in a capital profit of £2.2m. Aggregating the trading loss and capital profit the final result to the company is a loss of £56,000. Aquascutum is looking for a 20 per cent upswing

From strength to strength goes Aquascutum and Associated Companies, the outfitters, which will pay interim dividends from now on. On sales 20.7 per cent up at £8.84m in the half-year to July 31, pre-tax profits jumped by 86.2 per cent to £678,000. Trading in London and in the group's established overseas markets has meant a good half-year. This now includes some earnings that used clients. cludes some earnings that used to come into the second half, the board reports. An increase of "not less than 20 per cent" is expected for the year. Pre-tax profits for the year to Jaou-ary 31 were a record £1.71m on sales of £18.97m. An interim dividend of 0.82p gross is being

For 1976-77, a single payment of 2.1p was paid.

Barclays Int £11m deal "down under "

Barclays Bank International has bought Citicorp's 50 per cent stake in FNCB-Waltons Corporation, an Australian company, for SA18.9m (about £11.7m). Waltons, a Sydney-based retailer, holds the other half of FNCB-Waltons, a consumer finance company, which will be renamed Barclays Credit Corp. A joint statement by the three companies said the deal followed an increasing aware-

clients.

The board sees a continuing improvement for the rest of the year, which should result in a substantial" rise in 1977's pre-tax profits.

Confident outlook at Bank of Ireland

Results of Bank of Ireland Results of Bank of Ireland for the six months to September 30 show a rise in pre-tax profits from £12.5m to £20.4m. Current interest rates indicate a fall in historic profits for the half year to March 31. 1978, but in the absence of unforegen circumstances the direction. seen circumstances the direc tors are confident that the re-sults for the year will be up. Those for the year now in pro-gress should be a lot better.

Kleinwort Benson buys shipbroker

three companies said the deal followed an increasing awareness of a potential conflict of interest between FNCB-Waltons and Financier IAC (Holdings), which was recently taken over by Citicorp.

Best half-year ever at More O'Ferral!

In the first half of this year, prestax profits of More O'Ferral! soared from £55,000 to £407,000 on turnover up from £1.31m to £2.62m. This is a

# only 37 pc of AAK

CSR obtains

By Desmond Quigley
Colonial Sugar Refining
(CSR) yesterday announced
that its \$452m bid for Austra-Refining lian Associated Resources (AAR) was going unconditional after it had gained acceptances for 37 per cent of the issued capital.

CSR released a letter to AAI

CSR released a letter to AAR's shareholders saying that AAR's advisers, Bill Samuel Australia, advised shareholders to accept the bid and that the chairman of AAR, Mr A. N. Avery, Intended to accept in respect of his own holding.

When the bid was first made, AAP, had rejerted the offer as

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When the bid was first made,
AAR had rejected the offer as
had Conzinc Riotinto of Australia (CRA), in which Rio TintoZinc has a 72.6 per cent
interest, which holds a 12.6 per
cent stake in AAR.

CSR's decision to make the
offer unconditional before gaining at least 50 per cent of the
shares and to warn AAR's
shareholders that it may seek a
delisting of the shares, has been
leterpreted as a move to try
and speed up acceptances. It
is not yet known whether CRA
will now accept the offer.
CSR, a wholly Australian
group, launched its bid for AAR
at the time CRA was drawing
considerable criticism in Aus-

considerable criticism in Aus tralia because of some of its moves in the coal industry and the degree of foreign ownership. CSR used the opportunity to explain its bid for AAR in

Fairclough denies bid for Peachey

Hopes of a fresh Fairclough Construction takeover bid for Peachey Property Corporation, Britain's biggest residential pro-perty group, formerly headed by Sir Eric Miller, were dashed

yesterday.

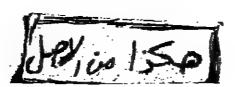
Speculation had suggested that a bid could be on the way from the building and engineering group, but in a statement Fairclough denied that "it has any interest or intention to Fairclough denied that "it has any interest or intention to acquire any shares" in Peachey. The shares in Peachey, now under the chairmanship of Lord Mais, fell by 4p to 77p.

On October 6. Allied London Properties made an £11.75m cash bid for Peachey, which was rejected by the board was rejected by the board. On October 20, Peachey's board reported that, taking into account recent valuations, the adjusted net assets were equivalent to 131p an ordinary share. Allied dropped its offer

WALKER & HOMER
Directors consider it prudent to
recommend reduced final dividend
to view of substantial reduction in

last week.

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#### COMMODITIES AND MARKET REPORTS

# Rule to limit positions approved by CFTC

Washington, Nov 2.—The commodity Futures Trading contage of open interest, the new rule would require contracts are size of positions in futures outracts.

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The CFTC noted the proposed rule is flexible as it does not place an absolute ceiling on the positions that may be held by any one account or preat to orderly trading in the intract. The commission noted reat to orderly trading in the intract. The commission noted action only when the determination is made that positions threaten the orderliness of the imments received. The commission noted the

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# Exchange

Sterling as measured by the effective exchange index held steady throughout the session yesterday at 64.4 although, in terms of the dollar, lost one cent at \$1.8335 compared with \$1.8435 overnight. Dealers reported a fairly busy trade with some light Continental and trans-Arlantic profit-taking forcing the pound lower.

A technical radiy by the dollar

A technical raily by the dollar, and a renewed concern over miners' wage claims, also contributed to the lower position of the pound at the close. The dollar raged a technical rally agginst most major currencies. Deutschmarks for instance weakened at 2.2490 (2.2395) along with the Swiss franc at 2.2215 (2.2150)

Gold Sost \$0.75 to close in London at \$161.375.

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Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 125.36 on November 1, against 125.18 a week

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Discount market

Credit was more than adequate on Lombard Street yesterday. The Bank of England finelly sold a large amount of Treasury bills to both the banks; and the houses, withough this was not nearly enough to inop up the surplus liquidity.

Interbank rates opened at 41-4 per cent, but houses took the built of the money down within a hand of 33-3 per cent during the morning. Conditions then became patchy with some houses over and some still looking for funds. However, closing halances were picked up between 2 and 3 per cent.

The one identified factor working against the market was a fairly large take-up of Treasury bills. Against this, balances were some way up overnight, there was a very substantial excess of Government disbursements over Revenue transfers to the Exchequer, and note circulation declined.

In addition, dealers said they

declined.

In addition, dealers said they were seeing quite a bit of money off the foreign exchanges as a result of the Bank of England's dollar purchases on Monday. Money Market

Brazil bedges on its coffee price Rio de Janeiro, Nov 3.—Brazil will do what it can to keep its coffee export price at \$3.20 per lb, but a level of between \$2 and \$2.50 is admissible if it will return consumption to normal, Señor Camillo Calazans, president of the Brazilian Coffee Institute, said

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# Wall Street

to a new credit tightening by the Fed on Monday and forecasts of further tightening.

The latest tightening come des-pite a refunding operation by the Owing to computer trouble in New York the Wall Street and Canadian prices have not been

Treasury and earlier warnings by the administration that tighter credit could hart account recovery.

Brokens said investors communed nervous about forecasts of further lightening by the Fed.

Some noted that the Fed waited Wednesday until funds reached 61 per cent before moving to pull them back to the new presumed barget of 61 per cent, up 61 per usef.

Coffee down 6c limit

New York, Nov 2.—Coffee prices in "C Courses closed the session locked Courses closed the session locked courses closed the session locked prices are considered managed.—Dec. 173.50c; March, 132.005.00c; Dec. 125.00c sakad; Sept. 132.005.00c; Dec. 125.00c sakad; Sept. 132.005.00c; Dec. 125.00c; March, 119.00-22.00c. March, 119.00-22.00c. March, 119.00-22.00c. March, 119.00-23.00c; March, 119.00-23.00c; March, 119.00-23.00c; March, 119.00-23.00c; March, 125.75c. Spors; Ghana and March, 100-20-25-76c; March, 100-25-76c; March, 100-

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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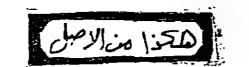
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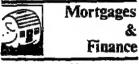
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The company also decided that the time had come to broaden its marketing horizons, so the new car was to plane be one for the masses with a simplicity of trim to enable it to be sold as com-

There have been probably many occasions since the first Alfasud saloon came off the Neapolitan production came off the Neapolitan production line five years ago when the company's management has queried its own wisdom in going south, for the story of the factory has been an unhappy one, punctuated with tales of industrial disturbance, poor quality control and consistent shortfall in outpur.

At last, the corner seems to have been turned, to the delight of those Alfasud owners who have enthused

wehicles, but will pay for refinement and full equipment.

The imported Alfasud range, there-fore, is confined to four models—a four-door saloon with a 1186cc flatfour engine and five-speed gearbox, called the 5m and selking for £2.800; a two-door coupé version called the 1200 ti and costing almost £2.900; a similar coupé but with a 1286 cc engine. designated the 1300 ti and retailing at execuly £3,000; and a fourth model, which has just arrived in Britain and

is the car illustrated here.

This is the Alfasud Sprint, by far the most refined variant seen to date, and enhanced by an elegant body which carries the unmistakable stamp of that great stylist Giorgetto Giugiaro. At a few pence abort of £4,000 it is in no sense a cheap car, but after a recent road test I am convinced that neither is ir unduly expensive.

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For a stort, the car performs more like a two-litre than a 1300. A lively 76 bhp (DIN) at 6,000 rpm, combined with good aerodynamics (a bib-type form, front spoiler and a lip on the tail are integral with the body), give the car a top speed of 104 mph, and an acceleration time to 60 mph of just over 11 years.

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The improvement in cars imported into Britain has been most marked, particularly as the British company decided to specify only the up-market variants of what has become an increasingly wide Alfasud range. This decision was made after the dealers sent a clear message that the British new-car buyer is no longer interested in minimum-cost washicles but will new far refinement.

Comprehensive instrumentation, good ventilation and more than usual attention to minor details of trim are encouraging evidence that the Alfasud has been given the quality packaging which I have always felt its road per-formance justified.

#### Golf GTI: above par

Back in the mid-sixties a well-known French motoring journalist used to rush around Europe in a Mini Cooper Volkswagen Golf GTL "I've not felt the same about a car since I had that Mini", be told me in the Paddock at Monza, and having used one during the past week I now understand what

The GTI, which so far has been On Sunday Prince Michael of Kent, available here only in left-hand-drive at the wheel of a 1903 Daimler, will form, is the sort of "S" model British become the first member of the Royal

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and a second test drive revealed no gen headlamps, special rally-type front such problem. There is a light spring seats and competition steering wheel—loading towards the third-fourth gear these are the main changes from the plane.

Apart from a vibration at a fast idling speed the engine is uncannily smooth, although relatively noisy in the higher rev range. At urban speeds it is so quiet that the background transmission noise is more discernible.

The gearbox is a delight (the lever

is topped by a large black golf ball), despite a relatively long travel; the clutch has quite a long, light travel with considerable bite towards the end with considerable bite towards the end of it; and the steering is very accurate. A firmly sprung car, it provides quite a choppy ride at low speeds but smooths out impressively on the open road to give a precision of handling in the best traditions of a competition-oriented car. A good driving position is aided by firmly padded but tall and well-shouldered seats, although the driver's inertia-reel seat belt was a rather tight fit.

There is sufficient power on tap to spin the front wheels readily and to

spin the front wheels readily and to explore the limits of the GTPs hand-ling performance, especially in the wet, when a skilled driver will revel in the way in which power-on understeer and a lift-off-provoked tall slide can S with a permanent smile on his face and a lift-off-provoked tail slide can uttering beautiful things about BMC. be balanced so accurately through the Some months ago the smile returned, accelerator and steering which. A great and the reason was his newly acquired £4,000 worth of fun for the sportsman, but novices should opt for one of the lesser-powered Golfs and save nearly £1,000.

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